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NEGRO'S WEAKNESS!

AND THE REMEDY THAT MUST BE APPLIED TO SUCCEED.

INFLUENCE OF BUSINESS LEAGUE

Education, Culture and the Like are Very Good, but the Negro Must Keep Pace with the Commercial Development of the Country.

Washington, D. C., March 21.

The time has come when an active agitation must be renewed for a larger business life for the Negro race. No people can be independent factors in the development of a nation until they are prepared to exercise a positive influence in the commercial affairs of that nation. Behold the Negro race! Endowed by the letter of the law with all the privileges of citizenship—the peer of any element that claims a place beneath the stars and stripes—where is its power when the crucial test is applied? Is it able to stand alone and fight its battles from its own inherent strength, and meet its opponents face to face in the forum of the world's markets? A natural laborer, yet is the Negro sufficiently skilled and organized to make the most of himself in the ranks of industrialism and agriculture? Here lies our weakness, and here the remedy must be applied and at once, too, if this generation hopes to have a place in the history of the age in which we have our being. Not by sword, or torch, or fiery invective; not by political manipulation, nor complaint, nor by artificial are we to find the key that will open the door of hope and pave the way to the inner temple of opportunity for the Negro. The saving grace of character we have in abundance. We have a goodly share of learning, and we are well up in all that pertains to advanced civilization—but we are practically ciphers as yet in business. This weakness can be remedied more easily than many others upon which greater stress is being laid—and it is the one essential that will bring the disputed rights sooner than any other means. White men will argue loudly against so-caled social equality; they will inveigh against office-holding on the part of the Negro, and they will restrict the entrance of our people to theaters, restaurants and cars—but not a word will they utter against the launching of a Negro business enterprise—not a whimper will be emitted from them when the Negro increases the productiveness of the soil he has acquired by the exercise of thrift and economy. Is not the hint plain enough? Why should not the black man tread the path that he can tread most advantageously, and thus blaze the way for the enjoyment of the broader opportunities that lie just beyond success in the arena of finance and trade?

This is the lesson the National Negro Business League would teach. It brings together each year in some conveniently located city, North or South, a body of representative men who have achieved tangible results in some form of mercantile life. They exchange experiences, compare notes, and illustrate what can be done from small beginnings if the requisite patience, energy and application is forthcoming. The benefit that is accruing from this organization is already apparent, and since the founding of the league by Booker T. Washington at Boston in 1900, there has been an appreciable growth of enthusiasm and courage among all classes of our people along commercial lines, and everywhere there is a reduced tendency to depend upon the fluctuations of politics and petty office-holding and a stronger impulse toward entering upon some legitimate, money-producing enterprise that in a few years will make openings for the younger men and women who are coming from the schools and colleges with especial training for a keener grasp of the laws of supply and demand. It is being discovered that the salaried dependent rarely ever acquires wealth, and thus an ambition is being inspired in the breast of the thoughtful young man to have a business of his own, or an interest in an established concern, through which he can reap the reward that his industry and shrewdness give him a right to claim. This is a laudable aspiration. It was from just such a spirit that the Carnegies, Rockefellers, Wannamakers and other captains of commerce were evolved. We may not rise so high as these mighty men, but we can do far better than we are doing to-day, and there is no better time to start than now. The National Negro Business League, which holds its fourth annual session this summer at Nashville, Tenn., flies a banner under which we can all rally.

Great movements are stimulated by conferences. The earnest forces must get together, and by precept and example win over the indifferent and teach the philosophy of concentration. The preachers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, farmers and literary lights get together at least once a year for a pow-wow, to search for new truths and better modes of proceedure—why should not our business men do the same thing for their own elevation, without counting the time and money so spent as lost? Every Negro who is in business or who hopes to get into business should make a strenuous effort to get to the business league meeting at Nashville, even if he is obliged to forego some luxury in order to be present and touch elbows with the material leaders of the race.

Say what you will about the Negro's education, culture, citizenship and capacity, the race will always be despised and cast out as a weakling until it can show ability to keep pace with the commercial development of the country. The black people must build houses as well as live in them, own stock in railroads as well as ride upon them, erect theaters in which they can sit where they please, learn what politics really mean and vote scientifically, run banks successfully, manufacture the things needed to supply current wants, cultivate living necessities out of the soil, and they must know how to operate a business on business principles. Negroes must understand, too, that they are expected to contribute to campaign funds as well as to draw from them. Boys who are wont to frolic need to be instructed not to watch the clock to hasten the quitting hour, but must be made ambitious to be so faithful that a partnership in the business will eventually be their portion. Reliability, punctuality and strict honesty are qualities that business men must have nowadays to win permanent success and to maintain a creditable standing in Bradstreet's. Push, persistence and probity are the watchwords of the Negro in business—not platitudes. Let us stop chasing rainbows, stop grafting, stop foolish talk, stop wasting golden opportunities in a mad quest for church baubles or cheap government jobs, and be satisfied with nothing but a high place in the world of substance and solid achievement. Get into business and make a standing for yourselves in the arena of finance, and all other problems will begin to unravel by the logic of events. The city of Washington has a duty to perform in this connection which she should not shirk. Will she toe the mark at Nashville? The answer rests with such enterprising spirits as Messrs. Cook, Terrell, Marshall, Harris, McKinley, Douglas, Watson, Watts, Lofton and other commercial forces.

The Record is out in favor of Dr. Nehemiah Boynton, of Michigan, as the successor of Dr. Rankin as president of Howard University. We do not know, Dr. Boynton, but from Prof. Cromwell's glowing description he must be a man of rare scholastic attainments and wonderful executive ability. We have nothing to say against Dr. Boynton, but it seems that a fine opportunity here presents itself to honor a worthy representative of our race. We have an abundance of available material and this splendid chance to "place" one of our own should not be allowed to be lost. Let ample time be taken to survey the field, avoiding the pitfalls of hasty judgment. Dr. Hamlin will do very well until we find just the man we want permanently.

Our learned "Dr." G. H. Richardson, undertook to prove to a Bethel literary audience a few evenings ago that an industrial and agricultural education was worth little to a man nowadays because of the encroachments of the manuafactures, wearing apparel, houses, furniture, utensils, etc.; and made so profusely that the plain field and garden find limited scope for profitable exercise, says he. But the learned disciple of Esculapius, who, by the way, finds the federal service more lucrative than sawing bones, forgot to tell how the manufacturers had superseded the farmer in producing corn, wheat, cotton, meat, vegetables or raw material for the builders, or how a man can be prevented by trusts from making his own clothing, or erecting his own houses. As a matter of fact, the industries and agriculture are the foundations of manufacturing, and precede, rather than depend upon the latter.

The selection of Hon. S. N D. North as director of the census, is eminently satisfactory. He is actively identified with the material interests of the country and has an expert knowledge of statistics and the best methods of collating facts of value to the country. Further, he is a gentleman of broad culture, of high sense of justice, and will deal equitably with all elements of our cosmopolitan population. Mr. North will be a real director of the census, and he will be especially welcome to the Negroes after their unpleasant experience with the late, but unmourned pseudo-director, William R. Merriam. Few men have quit an office so greatly to the gratification of the public as the said Merriam.

The Washington Post felicitates itself upon the fact that millions of dollars are to be spent among the building trades of the nation's capital because of the liberal appropriations by Congress for a number of massive public buildings. The Negro may get hold of some of this money through indirect channels, but he will handle none of it as a mechanic, artisan or contractor, for the law against him is like unto that of the Medes and the Persians. The Negro's industrial opportunity is in the South.

Senator Hernando De Soto Money, who misrepresents the decent white people of the State of Mississippi, did a great deal of talking "through his hat" the other day on the Indianola postoffice question. He gave away his cause by contending that it was dangerous for a Negro to hold any kind of a federal office, and clung to the pernicious and ill-founded shibboleth that this is "a white man's country." Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad. Let us have Governor Longino in the Senate instead of this Tillmanitic Money.

It seems that what made the hot blood of the Southerners boil at the recent White House reception was not so much the presence of a few Negro officials of the government, but the fact that their wives accompanied them, and wore full evening dress, being presented to the President as social equals. The New Orleans Picayune, Atlanta Constitution, Montgomery Advertiser and Richmond Dispatch join in expressions of sorrow over Mr. Roosevelt's "grave mistake" in thus encouraging the Negro to approach the "door of hope" and are begging him piteously to save himself from the dread calamity that is sure to befall him if his mad career is not checked at once.

In Vanity Fair.

Industrialism will have a large hearing this year during the commencement season.

Paul Laurence Dunbar's hold upon the ladder of fame is now secure. A cigar has been named in his honor.

There remain a few "old cits" of uncertain social standing who keep nagging at the enterprising "interlopers."

With Bishop Derrick organizing the "Roosevelt Invincibles," and Col. "Jim" Hill rounding up the "Hanna Invisibles," the campaign may be said to be formally opened.

Mr. Cyrus Field Adams, president of the National Negro Press Association, is making an unusually strong effort to have a large and representative convention of active newspaper men at Louisville in July.

Justice Holmes, of the United States Supreme Court, has handed down a decision declaring that it is not legally essential that one or more Negroes shall sit upon a jury when a Negro is on trial. There must be evidence that a solidly white jury is unduly influenced by prejudice contrary to the testimony of reliable witnesses before a verdict can be impeached. On the surface this sounds like good law, but in practice—Sacre!

Dr. James E. Shepard, the energetic field secretary of the International Sunday School Association, was in town last week. The astute doctor "looked wise" when North Carolina politics was mentioned, but "he spoke not a word." We shall hear from Dr. Shepard later.

The reception tendered the members and friends of the Pen and Pencil Club by Mr. Daniel Murray, assistant librarian of Congress, was an elegant affair. The handsome home of Mr. Murray on S street was well filled by a distinguished company.

One commendable feature of the tightening of the civil service regulations is the death-blow it gives to the office-broking industry which was once practiced here by a lot of confidence sharks, who imposed upon credulous men and gullible women. The game is played out fortunately.

Ivory G. Kimball, who has long since outlived his usefulness on the police court bench, should be retired at the end of his present term. A competent Negro lawyer should be appointed in his stead. Prof. W. H. Richards, Prof. W. H. H. Hart, Mr. Reuben S. Smith, or Fountain Peyton would be excellent timber for the place.

Hon. John C. Dancy showed splendid judgment in choosing Prof. W. F. Fouvielle as the associate editor of the A. M. E. Zion Quarterly. Mr. Fouvielle is a versatile quilldriver, a clear thinker and is judicious in the treatment of the most delicate situations. He is "in the running" with Bros. Davenport, Anderson and Bolding.

Senator Money claims that Roosevelt is not an American President, but a President mainly of the "Black Belt."

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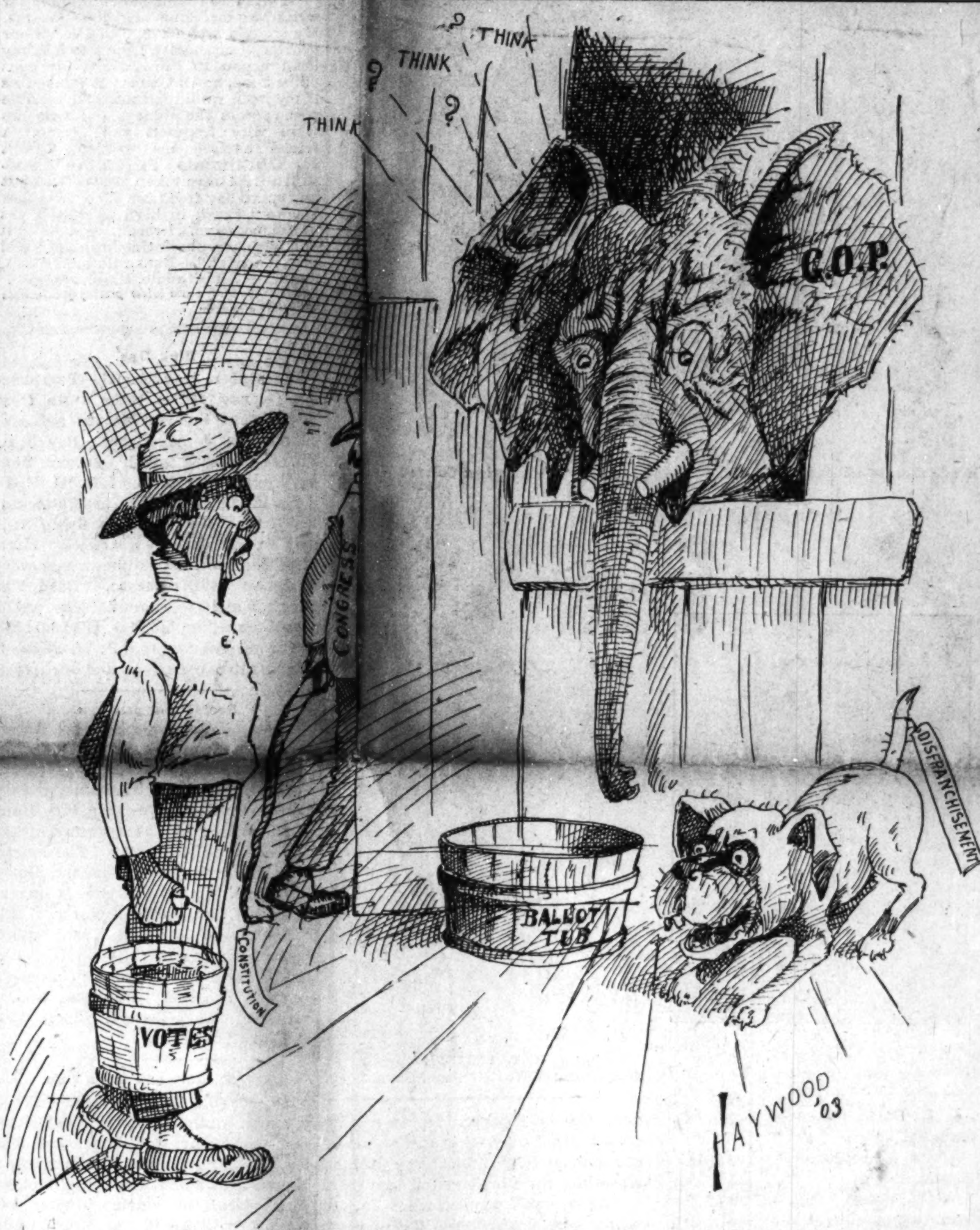

HOW MUCH LONGER WILL HE BE THERE?

NEGRO LEADERSHIP!

A LIVE TOPIC DISCUSSED BY ONE OF OUR QUILL DRIVERS.

WHO SUCCEEDS DOUGLASS?

Edward Elmore Brock Asks, "Has the Race a Moses, or is it Drifting Like a Rudderless Ship at Sea?"—A Question Demanding Consideration.

Since the demise of Frederick Douglass, the question has revolved itself over and over again in my mind, as to whether the Negro race is ever to produce his like again, for I believe it is pretty well conceded by all fair minded people that the acts, work and talk of Douglass proclaimed him to be a true leader—the Moses, as it were, of his race. But, and I beg the question in all fairness, and too, only after much deliberation: "Have we a man that is following along the lines as defined in the person and character of our late beloved Douglass?"

Douglass had the capabilities of leadership, because he allowed no restrictions of his speech. He spoke and expressed his convictions in defiance of the whole world, never allowing fear to sway his words or actions. He had once been a slave—a sufferer of all its hideous pangs of torture and illiteracy, and at the snapping asunder of the shackles that bound, not alone his freedom, but manhood as well, his first thought was for the higher culture that would make of him an equal of all mankind, for he conscientiously knew

that by the highest intelligence only could he ever hope to win the respect of all other nations. But when he had in truth gained the goal of his ambitions, he did not allow himself to rest securely in his own complacency, but instead, began to devise ways and means to lift his people up to a higher plane of intellectual thought. Douglass did not believe that all the Negro needed was a smattering of book learning and a whole heap of manual labor to make him more respected by the whites. He believed, as does the writer, that color is only skin deep and that beneath the thinness of it there lies the same desires, the same ambitions, the same hopes as is to be found beneath the skin of any other race in their efforts for advancement; for black though we many be and painted, yet in the lines of the immortal Robert Burns—

"A man's a man for a that."

And as such, 'why should we be content to remain satisfied with only a small portion of education? It is most appropriate to know how to till the soil and work at the trades, still in the very face of the fact that the Anglo-Saxon as a rule is bitterly opposed to our getting beyond this, is a stimulus to spur us on in a more determined effort to make of ourselves and our offspring the equal of any of them in all that pertains to book learning. It is by the higher intellectual culture that springs the hope for the eradication from whatsoever race all that is base, and criminal within them.

Such men as Douglass and J. C. Price were born for leadership, because they had the courage of their convictions and feared not to express them just as they felt. In their demise I hold to it that the race is like a ship without a rudder—all at sea. And yet, I am not blinded to a realization that the race does not possess to-day a Moses—a male Joan of Arc, as it were, to whom circumstances or fate are denying the privilege to take up the reins. The very existence of a fearless Negro press, battling faithfully for the rights of those whose cause it unreservedly

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THE WAITER....

Hotel Notes from Wheeling, W. Va.

Mr. W. C. Gordon of Skinner's Tavern, Fairmont, W. Va., is now at the McLure. Frank Witson of Lewisburg, W. Va., who has been sojourning in adjoining towns of Benwood, Bridgeport, Leatherwood and Martin's Ferry, is back at the McLure. Arthur Hunter is back from Canton, O., where he went to accept a position at the McKinley. They found he was only large enough for a water boiler, and they did not have any use for him. Carl Hamilton of Columbus, O., is back at the McLure after spending a short time in Zanesville. Clarance R. Lathers has gone to the Hotel Imperial, Steubenville, Ohio. Charles Lyon is also at Steubenville.

York Armsted has left Steubenville. The town was not quite large enough so he went to Parkersburg. James T. Jones, an old McLure house waiter, is now in Pittsburg, Pa., at the Monongehela. Edward J. Doan made a flying trip to Parkersburg on Saturday, the 21st. to look after the second waiters' interests at the association at the Chancelor hotel. B. Glenn has left for Atlantic City, N. J., to resume his summer job. Capt. John Danridge has retired from the McLure house to resume his white washing with the spring trade, but will be back again soon, I hope. William Terry left the McLure house, Madame Rumor has it, to start a boarding house. Thos. Branch is one of the prime waiters at the Grand Central. George A. Clark is looking after office work in the way of a change from hotel life. William Burns and some of his friends will soon leave for some of the Virginia springs. D. G. Palmer left on Friday, the 20th, for Washington, D. C., to look after a position on some Baltimore and Ohio dining car. As Congress has adjouned there is no danger of him being speaker of the house. James Goins, an old-time McLure house waiter, is back at his old homestead again, and makes a very excellent family waiter.

ROBT. H. GRANT.

In Dayton, Ohio, the leading hotels are manner by colored crews. George F. Davis is in command at the Beckel hotel, succeeding L J Rice, who is now successfully running a restaurant; Geo. Bailey is in command at the Phillips hotel; J. McCarthy is in charge at the Algonquin. Mr. Davis recently celebrated his forty-eighth birthday.

John B. Goins, author of "American Colored Waiter," is meeting with success at the Columbia Club, Indianapolis. The diagrams appearing on this page are from his book.

Western Headwaiters.

The colored headwaiters in the West are holding their own and giving satisfaction, both in American and European houses. The field seems to be growing more and more in their favor, and they are demanding recognition in houses heretofore manned by white crews. Among the more prominent may be mentioned:

Thos. W. Frames, Knutsford, Salt Lake City, Utah.

O. Anderson, Rainier Club, Seattle, Washington.

O. Meade, Green River Hotel, Hot Springs, Washington.

A. N. Johnson, Tacoma Hotel, Tacoma, Washington.

Thomas W. Woods, Rainier Grand, Seattle, Washington.

James Jordan, Spokane Club, Spokane, Washington.

J. Brown, Lincoln Club, Seattle, Washington.

Benj. R. Carle, Spokane Hotel, Spokane, Washington.

Charles Owens, the American, Denver, Colorado.

L. R. Ridley, Montana Hotel, Anaconda, Montana.

Alonzo Leatherberry, Grandon Hotel, Helena, Mont.

W. H. Frazier, The Portland, Portland, Oregon.

We shall mention more in our next issue.

In Atlantic City.

Mr. Editor—It is said that in Atlantic City there is a broad field for the improvement of the colored waiter, and, in course of time, if the headwaiters do not accept of the many improvements and strive to unite both head and side-waiters the proprietors will become disgusted with the Negro waiter entirely. The Western headwaiters are doing a great work along the line of cultivating the Negro waiter. We would much desire to have them dwell in Atlantic City for awhile. One of the main objects that should be merited in this city is the unity of headwaiters and proprietors and also a strong waiters' union, as such is needed all over the United States among colored waiters.

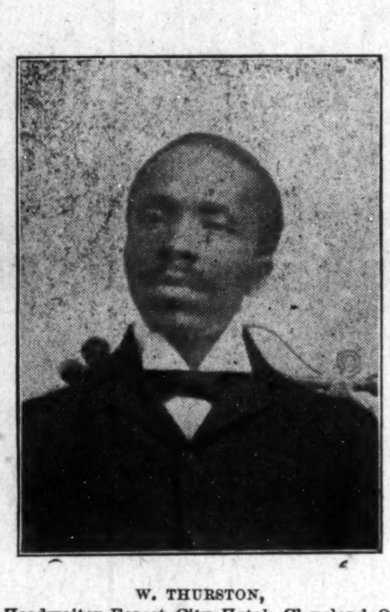
AN OBSERVER.

SOME PROMINENT HEAD[illegible]

JOHN S. MILES,
Headwaiter The Plankinton, Milwaukee, Wis

ROBERT H. GRANT,
Headwaiter The McLure, Wheeling, W. Va.

JOHN B. GOINS,
Headwaiter Columbia Club, Indianapolis, Ind., author "The American Colored Waiter."



W. THURSTON,
Headwaiter Forest City Hotel, Cleveland, O.

H. T. EUBANKS,
Headwaiter The Weddell House, Cleveland, O.

FRIENDS TO THE FREEMAN

CAIRO, ILL., March 27, 1903.

The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.—Gentlemen: Yours regarding the "Head and Second Waiters' Subscription Contest" duly received. You may place my name on the list of contestants, not so much for the prizes, but to see what I can do for The Freeman.

W. ALONZO LOCKE.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., March 26, '03.

Mr. Geo. L. Knox, Editor The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.—Dear Sir: I have just received and read circular and letter from you relative to Head and Second Waiters' contest for subscriptions for your paper. In answer to same I would only say that it would be nonsense for me to think of ever winning a prize for the simple reason that there is such a small population of colored people here in our city. There is no doubt but all prizes will go to those head or second waiters who have large crews and large population of colored residents in their city. However, just because I appreciate and value your paper so highly I will enter the contest for the sake of competition in order that the circulation of your paper may be wonderfully increased. Rest assured I shall use my very best efforts to secure subscriptions.

JOHN A. GLOSTER.

S. H. Harvey has resigned as headwaiter at the West house cafe, Sandusky, O., and is now stationed temporarily at Columbus, Ohio.

Niagara Falls Personal Notes.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Special.—Mrs. J. Taylor and daughter of Buffalo spent Sunday, the 22d, at the Falls, the guests of Mrs. A. Fayette. Mrs. Emily Anderson, who has been seriously ill, was out on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. A. Fayette were out of the city on Monday. Mrs. C. E. Smith spent Monday in Buffalo. The rock-lined bed of Niagara river near American falls was laid bare March 22d by an ice jam. The great roundish mass of rock at the foot of the cataract was revealed to the eyes of hundreds of people for the first time since 1859. There was a very small volume of water going over the falls on Sunday owing to the large jam of ice from the upper river and surrounding lakes, but as this jam wore away the volume of water increased. Another peculiar condition was the forming of an ice bridge extending across to the Canadaian side. So little water poured over the cataract that the great rock, ordinarily visible, was seen the greater part of the day. Many fish, shells and other relics were picked up by visitors.

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Pick-Ups.

Blackshear, Ga., Special.—Two charming young ladies came down from Waycross on Sunday, the 22d, and called on Mrs. J. W. Fisher. Rev. J. K. Rogers preached an able sermon Sunday night, March 22. Rev. M. C. D. Spencer spent Sunday at Patterson. Miss Annie King made a flying visit over to Liberty City last week. Hereafter The Freeman will be on sale every Saturday in Blackshear. Read The Freeman and keep posted. The public school opened on Monday, the 23d. We are proud to know that J. W. Fisher is learning to be a plasterer and bricklayer.

Social Happenings.

Jackson, Mich., Special.—Mr. Robert Jones of Kalamazoo is in the city. Mr. Frank Watters of Adrian was in the city last week. Mr. William Carter of Flint is visiting his mother, Mrs. Hammond. Harry Hill has returned after a short stay out of the city. The concert given Wednesday night, the 18th, proved a success. Charles Taylor is on the sick list. Rev. Bowen, pastor of the Baptist church at Battle Creek, was in Jackson on business. Irwin Brazelton visited Parma last week. Any one wishing The Freeman will please call on our agent, Miss Flossie M. Johnson, 216 E. Franklin street.

A Wedding in High Life.

Jacksonville, Ind., Special.—At 8:30 p. m., on Thursday, the 19th ult., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Mosley, on S. Prairie street, the marriage of Nelson Brown and Mrs. Katie Robinson took place, the ceremony being performed by Elder W. A. Moore, pastor of the A. M. E. church. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Anna Robinson. A large number of guests were present. The happy couple are keeping house in E. Independence avenue. Mrs. Eliza Mitchell gave a concert on the 19th ult., for the benefit of the A. M. E. church. Mrs. William Parish is suffering from la grippe.

Items of Interest.

Knoxville, Tenn., special.—Knoxville has four colored physicians all of whom have a succefull and lucrative practice. They are Drs. H. M. Green, W. K. Settle, W. W. Derrick and R. H. Willams. Knoxville has a number of citizens who own a great deal of property and real estate Cal. F. Johnson is among the largest owners. Mr Johnson owns about 12 of the finest race horses in the country. He owns and controls one of the finest race tracks in the South. Mr. Johnson's horses brought him in the sum of $9,000 last year. He owns the Stallion which took the premium at the World's fair. His horses are valued at $50,000. No citizen white or colored stands higher than Mr. Johnson; he is benevolent and generous, contributes liberally to charitable organization. He is worth $125,000.

At the Bishop's Council of the A. M. E. Church, held in Memphis, Tenn., it was decided to raise the standard of educational requirement for admission to the ministry, and to raise $100,000 for the prosecution of mission work in this country and Africa.

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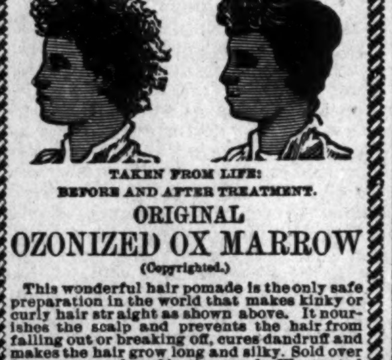

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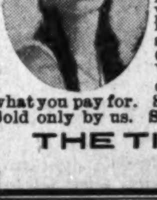

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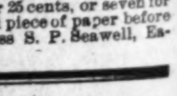

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Mr. Editor—I am a very earnest and interesting reader of The Freeman and pay strict attention to the Waiters' Department, and note what Mr. Carter asks of the headwaiters.

My view of the waiter is a good one, and must say that the average colored waiter is in very poor circumstances. He does not know anything but waiting, and is forced to work for small salary, while the headwaiter "gets his." The colored waiter does not altogether want to work under white headwaiters, but some of the colored headwaiters have failed to show the managers and proprietors that they are capable of controlling the dining room. The time has come for the sidewaiter to make a move. They must organize and demand more pay or no work. The young headwaiters, like the Negroes generally, are to solve the waiters' problem. With all due respect to the old headwaiters, it is time for the waiters of to-day to try to better their condion. It is not the sidewaiters' fault that they have to work for twenty, twenty-two and twenty-five dollars a month. It is the headwaiters. They can as easy get a good salary for the men as they can their own, but they are afraid they will lose out. If there were more such men as Mr. Cozart the waiters would be better off. Will some good headwaiter take up the cause of the sidewaiters and work for their interest as well as his own? Let the colored waiters learn other trades as well as that of waiting, and then he will be a man. The waiters of the Hampton Terrace are enjoying a good season. The house is crowded, and Mr. F. H. Griffin, with the assistance of Mr. R. W. Miller as second waiter, is handling the crowd in the dining room to perfection. Yours for the good of the sidewaiter.
JOE S. BROWN.

Fred. Freeman, headwaiter at the Gordon, Washington, D. C., will again, this season, have charge of the dining room of the Matthewson hotel at Narragansett Pier. He will employ one hundred waiters, and his private secretary, Lawrence Bradley, is now booking his men. The dining room of the Matthewson seats five hundred, and it requires a man who is punctual, alert, quick in thought and a strict, but humane, disciplinarian. The proprietors think that Mr, Freeman fills the bill.

The Hotel Brotherhood of Philadelphia will give their 19th annual musicale and reception at Industrial Hall, April 16. The proceeds will be for the benefit of their relief fund. This brotherhood was organized in 1884, and they have an orchestra of their own, with Prof. Fred Foreman as conductor. The officers are: James E. Johnson, president; Hamilton A. Snowden, first vice-president; Wm. H. Smith, second vice-president; James A. Snowden; financial secretary; George H. Breed, recording secretary; A. S. Jones, treasurer; David Marshall, marshal; William L. Games, counsellor; Allen Jones, chaplain; Nathan F. Mossell, medical examiner.

William Thompson has succeeded Mr. Steve Gray as headwaiter of the ordinary at Hadden Hall at Atlantic City, N. J.

A DINING ROOM HINT.

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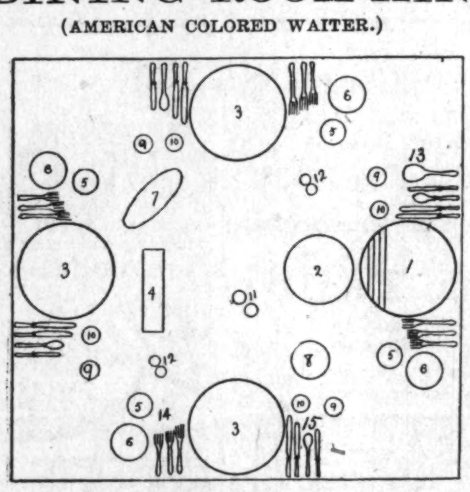

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2—Large soup tureen.
3—Service plates.
4—Celery.
5—Cucumbers.
6—Fish.
7—Tray of bread.
8—Crackers.
9—Water glass.
10—Butter.
11—Oil and vinegar.
12—Salt and pepper.
13—Soup ladle.
14—Three forks.
15—One steel knife next to napkin, one silver knife, tablespoon, butter spread.

Jackson Personal Pick-Ups.

Jackson, Mich., Special—Harry Hill left Saturday, the 14th, with Stetson's big double Uncle Tom's Cabin Company. Emmett Williams of Parma, Mich., was in the city Saturday night, March 14th, William Harris is on the sick list, also Miss Effie Johnson. Mrs. Lulu Kemp left last week for Toledo, O.

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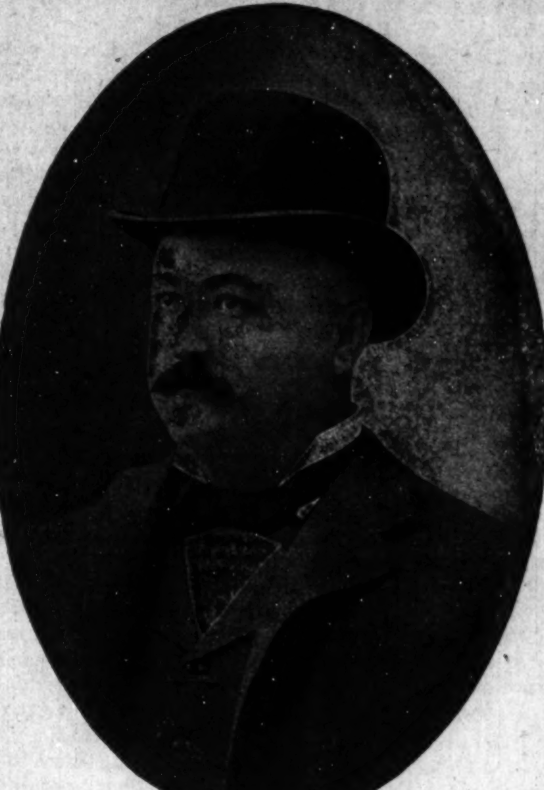

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WHAT WILL THE COLORED WOMEN DO?

It is to be hoped that the colored women of the country will not seek to further obtrude on white social organizations when it is so plainly indicated that they are not expected as was noted in New Orleans last week. We stand for our own naturally, but when it comes to championing their entrance to select societies of whites there is no defense further than a moral one, which may say that woman as woman should enter the domain of woman. But the matter rests entirely with those societies as to whom they admit or reject. It is not a civil question appertaining to the laws nor is it a political question, but it is purely social with economical features, presumably for the elevation of womanhood. If they seek to raise but a part, it is their prerogative, and they are in no sense subject to censure because they do not act in the interest of all. That they do not act for all is a matter of personal prejudice which operates more or less in all. We dare say that there are a great many white women who would not be acceptable to that society.

The colored women of America will prove more worthy of entrance to such secluded sets when they inaugurate and maintain similar institutions. It will be the best evidence of elligibility that is so much doubted. Colored women will be wise if they deport themselves exactly as these white women, who, not a single one, would seek to invade societies for colored women, if by any sign or hint they felt that they were not wanted.

The argument is that we have plenty of noble women who are qualified to honor any position, situation, capacity. It is even so, but they are not demonstrating it by building institutions of their own similar to that of the white women.

Again, we insist that the question is purely social, and as yet in the scale of races we and they stand as the antipodes. Perhaps this is wrong in the sight of God, yet in the plan of evolution it may be made right. His purposes we cannot scan. But we, at least, know that the question of races from the student's view point is the whole front of the affair. Custom, education, habits of thought, tradition cannot change in a day, nor can any manner of legislature change what is engraven on hearts. When thus engraved time must erase the corrosion, nor time alone, but added to it all of those qualities which go toward making up our country's elect.

Colored women, you have a work more pressing than that of the whites; they as a part of humanity may be considered also responsible, but blood, ties, kindred all cry out to the colored women with a greater voice. Will they heed it or still seek on, a chimera an ignus fatuus when their field is at their doors?

PROF. JOHN J. SMALLWOOD.

Prof. John J. Smallwood of Claremont, Va., was in the city a few days last week. He is the founder and president of the Temperance, Industrial and Collegiate Institute of that city. The institution started off in 1892 with less than ten pupils; it has since then paid off its debt of $13,900; has a large school enrollment with pupils from several States. The faculty is composed of seven well informed instructors. The industrial phase is prominent; sewing, scientific farming and cooking being features of the institution. Mr. Smallwood says, "I am a believer in the solution of the race problem through American manhood of the American Negro." He says, "Mr. Tillman does not speak the political or business sentiment of the best white people of the South. The well educated, the honest, fair thinking white man at the South wants to see the Negro elevate himself"

"The Negro must be taught to buy of a Negro merchant, to read a Negro newspaper and to become the heads of their own enterprises."

Prof. Smallwood will travel in the interest of his school for a few weeks before returning to Virginia.

He is known in the State, having made political speeches in the campaign of '88 for Harrison and for General Hovey.

He has made two trips to Europe as a lecturer with great success, receiving on one occasion the handsome remuneration of $1,000 per month for several months. His intellectual vision was broadened while abroad by study and observation, after having worked his way through college in this country. Mr. Smallwood is brilliant of rare education for a colored man, with limited opportunities as the rule, winning all through his indomitable will, pluck and tenacity. His experiences as a founder of an educational institution are rich, varied, interesting. He is doing a great work, and is meeting the encouragement due courageous spirits.

The summer school at Normal, this approaching summer, promises to be quite a success. An able corps of teachers has been selected, and every course of study will receive due attention. Besides the numerous literary courses given the domestic, mechanic arts and agricultural departments will afford opportunities for information and instruction along industrial lines. Some of the ablest educators will lecture before the classes. Among those already secured are Hon. I. W. Hill, superintendent of education, Montgomery, Ala., Dr. J. A. Booker, president of the Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Ark., Dr. R. R Wright, president Georgia Industrial College, College, Ga., and Mrs. A. W. Hunton, Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Hunton is one of the ablest instructors of the colored youth.

W. D. Crum took charge of the custom house at Charleston, S. C., March 31, as collector of the port, having taken the oath of office March 30th. There was an immediate tender of resignation by the chief inspector of customs, a white man There has been some talk of an application to the courts for a restraining order against Crum exercising the duties of the office on the ground that the president may not fill vacancies except with the advice and consent of the Senate, where the Senate has had opportunity to pass upon nominations. The matter has been brought to the notice of the mayor, and it is said he has referred it to the corporation counsel for consideration.

The "Cleveland Journal" of Cleveland, Ohio, is a recent newspaper venture. The "Gazette" has had indisputed sway in that city for many years, notwithstanding the fact that Hon. Harry has been somewhat of a political insurgent the greater part of the time. It seems to be a case now of the survival of the fittest. The "Gazette" has been aggressively anti-Hanna. The new publication has not announced what fork of the road it will take, but it is very likely that the two journals will wing their separate ways.

The New York Sun of recent date has made the discovery that there are at least two hundred colored persons in New York City that could own automobiles. The number is large; but, if true, speaks well for the thrift of the colored New Yorkers. Indianapolis has a few that could ride if they would.

People who insist upon pitting the higher education and industrial training against each other would be likely to debate the question, "Which is more essential to man's well-being, his eyes or his ears?" We need both. One supplements the work of the other.

The president mayor, Mr. Charles A. Bookwalter, was again nominated last Saturday by the Republican nominating convention for that office. Judge Thos. Whallon was nominated for criminal judge.

The Democrats of Indianapolis feel that the Republican convention did not end all as it concerns the mayoralty. They think there is a possibility of slipping in between the chisms.

Alas! Dr. Crum! Thou hast woes. The much appointed doctor is now doing business at the port of Charleston, S. C, but with some little friction; just a little friction.

Sylvester Russell is winning deserved laurels as a dramatic critic and news writer on theatrical matters. He is aptly termed the "Alan Dale in bronze."

The president is now on his Western jaunt. He is not superstitions. April 1st, the traditional "fools" day looks like others to him.

The infamous "grandfather clause" is no longer a part of the constitution of the State of Alabama.

The merry war of politics is now on; something doing—a triangular fight, mayhaps.

The chairman of the city Republican committee writes a letter that will not require a lawyer to interpret.

INDORSEMENTS STILL COMING IN.

From a standpoint of general merit and the substantiality which has accrued to the Indiana Tropical Company by virtue of the flattering indorsements which have come to this office from banking institutions and otherwise, we are glad to mention the fact again to our many readers that the proposition and terms put out by this company are the best ever offered our people.

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Nosegay for "One of Our Boys."

Dr. B. T. Washington made a brilliant accession to his corps of assistants when he attached R. W. Thompson of Washington, D. C. Mr. Thompson was for a short time, the special correspondent of the Advocate and has been for years connected with the "Colored American." We hope that his career as a worker at Tuskegee will be as successful as his work in the journalistic field has been.—Charleston (W. Va.) Advocate.

NEGRO'S WEAKNESS!

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It is becauuse Roosevelt is an American President and refuses to be the chief executive of white men only that the South is upon its hind legs and howling. Roosevelt is President of all the people, including Indians not taxed.

This year will witness a shift of the A. M. E. pastors at two Baltimore churches by reason of expiration of constitutional limit. Revs. John F. Hurst and L. M. Beckett will go elsewhere. As a result there is much speculation as to whether Rev. J. Albert Johnson will insist upon returning to Washington—a long-coveted ambition—or consent to the possible compromise of accepting the pastorate of Bethel or Trinity in Baltimore.

Editor Chase is mad because he does not know the identity of Bertram Barton. His lecture to "Sun-Down Journalists" was a timely utterance, however, and should also be handed out frequently to the hordes of "sun-down doctors, lawyers and other graduates who are hanging on by the skin of their teeth to some inferior place in the federal service." The country at large has a work for them to do, and they owe it to themselves to "get busy" before their learning grows stale.

"Mr. Dooley" has been discussing the race problem. After a more or less luminous exposition of this all-absorbing American issue, abounding in some fun and not a little acerbity, "Dooley" confidentially explains to "Hinnessy" that the whole racial trouble arises from the fact that "the niggers have lived too long amongst the whites of the North and the whites of the South have lived too long amongst the niggers." This is about as lucid as many of the speeches we heard in Congress. Study it out!

Mrs. Ida D. Bailey is one of the race's purest, best and most public-spirited women of whom the district can boast. If she knows certain facts concerning the methods at Howard University, the exposure of which may lead to a correction of abuses, she has a pecfect right to give her testimony in the papers, without being made the subject of flippant jest by the dismal crank who tries to perpetrate funnyisms in The Colored American under the guise of "The Man on the Monument." Mrs. Bailey will go on in her good work, undeterred by a class of fellows who think more of haunting bar-rooms and keeping company with the dissolutes of both sexes than of promoting the interests of their people.

The Capital Savings Bank failure was a deplorable piece of business, but it does not warrant the jeremiad against the whole race as financiers. Banks run by white men are closing every day, yet no one sees in this an argument against the continuation of the Caucasian in the banking industry. Let's be fair, and see that each individual bears his own burden and does not saddle the incompetency of a few persons upon the entire race. Men like Judge Terrell, Whitefield McKinlay, W. S. Montgomery, John R. Francis, W. S. Lofton, Jerome A. Johnson and others would not be parties to the looting of a bank, and it will be found by and by that their garments are clear of stain in this unfortunate affair. There is no reason why the 90,000 Negroes of Washington can not operate a bank successfully. Try it.

BERTRAM BARTON.

NEGRO LEADERSHIP.

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champions, is a clear illustration of this fact. Such race papers as the New York Age, Indianapolis Freeman, Colored American of Washington, D. C., Richmond Planet, etc., with such sterling pilots at the helm as T. Thomas Fotune, Hon. Geo. L. Knox, Edward E. Cooper and John Mitchell are doing more to steer the race from out a stormy, turbulent sea into a safe harbor, than is to be found on any other hand.

So long as we are willing to have the Negro race remain inferior to the Anglo-Saxon,—to be simply the "hewers of wood and drawers of water," just so long shall we receive their generous applause. The writer, for one, does not seek that kind of applause. God created all men equal and as pieces of his handicraft, made in His image. I believe that we should vie with other races to reach life's highest attainment. Surely there is nothing more worthy of strife than broad intellectual culture.

Manhood nor true leadership is not that in which man sells his birthright for a mess of potage. And, since the most popular Negro today, Prof. Booker T. Washington, has disclaimed his rights to leadership and is satisfied to be considered only as an educator, I believe the race is sorely in need of a pilot—a man that would be without fear in battling the cause of the Negro; certainly it is only such a one as can be looked up to as the Moses of his people; one who does not sit—

"A silent witness of the headlong rage
Of headlong folly, by which thousands die,
Bone of our bone, and kindred souls to ours."

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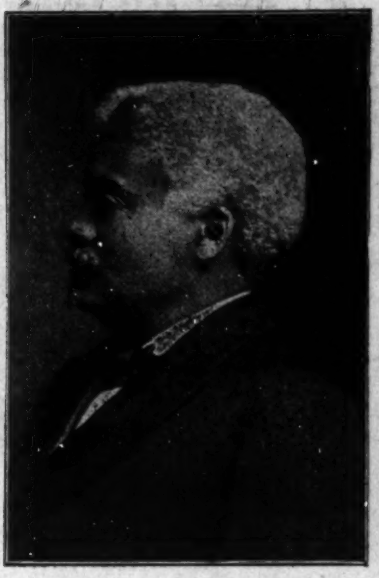

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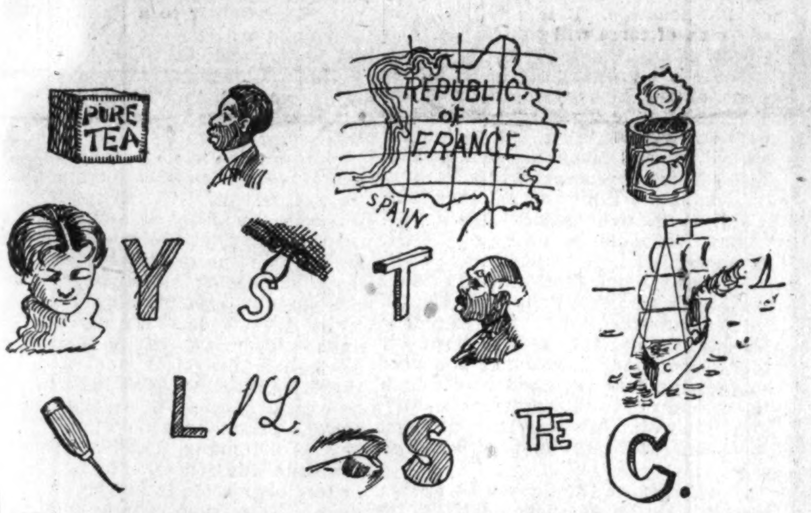

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The above caption has no reference to the bishops. It is not likely that any protests against any bishop's ruling or official acts will go up to the general conference in 1904. Such proceedings usually fall flat, regardless of the merits of the case. Deciding against a bishop is considered a very grave thing, and a general conference is very slow to do it. One of the most deplorable things that has recently come to the surface in the way of an official act, is that of Bishop C. S. Smith using the power of his office in leaving three of the leading men of one of his conferences without an appointment in order to gratify a selfish end. It is hoped that the matter will be straightened out soon, and amacialy settled.

The knowing ones predict that the next general conference will be shorn of its usual boisterousness, for the reason that the matter of election will cut but little figure, either with reference to bishops or general officers.

The Allen Christian Endeavor Society will be placed upon firmer basis, and another general officer created to look after that department. Four prominent aspirants will contend for the place: Drs. D. A. Graham, P. W. Walls, F. G. Snelson and J. C. Caldwell. All of them are strong men, and will make the campaign very interesting. Dr. Snelson and Dr. Caldwell are from the same district. One will eventually "pull off." Unless a stronger man appears, the race will probably narrow down to Graham and Walls. Dr. Graham has the advantage of hailing from a district in which there is no other candidate for anything. Dr. Walls, though hampered by coming from a district full of candidates, yet he has the advantage of having his state already organized in Christian Endeavor work, and has the honor of being the State President. Unusual interest will centre around the Young People's Department. The present outlook indicates but few changes in the corps of general officers. There is a prevailing sentiment in the Methodist Church, that a general office is a stepping stone to the Episcopacy; and that if the officer acquits himself worthily, he should not be "reduced" to the ranks again. The office of bishop seems to be a kind of "reward of merit." Bishop Turner, acting upon this suggestion, has given it out that Dr. H. T. Johnson's long term in office as editor, has unfitted him for the pastorate, and consequently he must be made bishop.

Dr. Parke and Dr. Taylor, are both unfavorable to the election of more bishops. Hence they both stand for re-election. Dr. Collett, the manager of the Book Concern and Dr. Lampton, the Financial Secretary are both filling unexpired terms; they will win with hands down. Prof. H. T. Kealing of the Review, and Prof. John R. Hawkins, Secretary of Education, seem to be indispensable. It is not likely that any man of force will contest for their places.

There is a growing sentiment among some of the bishops in favor of the election of a "bishop for Africa." This will hardly materialize. "A bishop for Africa" would mean a semi-bishop. The General Conference will most likely repudiate a thing of that kind. The A. M. E. Church stands for a full-fledged bishopoic, or nothing. Dr. H. B. Parks, Dr. J. M. Conner and Dr. H. T. Johnson will doubtless be the only candidates who will have a ghost of a chance at promotion. But as Parks has given it out that he will stand for re-election; and Johnson's policy of suppressing free discussion through the columns of the Recorder, is making him unpopular; Conner, the hustling Arkansan will probably lead in the race.

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The matter of voluntary retirement of certain bishops will be watched with interest. But to superanuate a bishop against his will is an art no Negro Methodists have yet learned.

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An Opinion of To-day.

Time was, when the best Negro was the harmless Negro who knew his place; time is when the best Negro is the efficient Negro for whom the place seeks. As against the race, prejudice is unabated; touching the individual, prejudice is greatly softened.

The individual Negro is learning that he has but to detach himself from the mass in order to rise to the extent of his own buoyancy. More than a hundred Negroes who have arisen as individuals, may be found as mechanics in the Baldwin Locomotive Works at the door of which is supposed to be the sign, "No Negro Need Apply." I personally know more than two hundred individuals of color in New York and Philadelphia who hold high and remunerative positions such as are not regarded as open to Negroes and which they have reached by their own individual efforts.

I know many black men who stop at hotels and who eat at restaurants that exclude Negroes. All of this goes to indicate that the race is to rise individual by individual.

Neither this nor any other country can stomach the Negro as a mass, but there is no community in the world that will not recognize and at last pay tribute to individual worth.

It is one of the peculiar and terrible results of slavery that the Negro as a mass hates and decries the individuals of the race who rise above the mass. But the Negro is slowly learning to know that race prejudice has as its object a race and not an individual.

Hon. Geo. L. Knox, when he goes forth as an individual, has little or no race problem before him as an individual, nowhere is he likely to meet it until he gets somewhere that he is not known as an individual. This goes to indicate that it is best to continue to multiply worthy individuals until they become so numerous that the mere fact of one's color will not determine his treatment where he is a stranger, but will be supplimented by the question, "Who is he?" There are many parts of the country where that condition of the public mind does already exist. There are thousands of white people who will defer their decision as to how to treat an individual Negro until they are sure that he is not Booker T. Washington.

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Editor The Freeman:

For one, I am not disposed to regard the judgment secured by Dr. H. T. Johnson against the Pullman Co., as a substantial victory. That company has always been a good friend of the colored man, and it gives employment to more or that class than any other corporation in the world. It is not, and never has been, the policy of the Pullman Company to discriminate against persons by reason of color. For more than twenty years I have been one of its regular patrons, and, therefore have had abundant opportunity to test its real disposition toward colored people.

As I understand it the Pullman company did not refuse to serve Dr. Johnson with food. It was not a question of absolute refusal to serve him but as to the time when they would serve him. I can perhaps best illustrate this by relating a matter of personal experience. January, 1901, I went from Philadelphia to New Orleans on what is called the Southwestern Limited; a solid train through from New York to Atlanta. As we left Philadelphia at night, the dining car was not put on until we reached Charlotte, N. C., next morning. I secured sleeping car accommodations from Philadelphia to New Orleans. When one of the waiters came through the car announcing that breakfast was ready, I said to him that I wanted breakfast, but was not particular about being served until after the rush was over. His reply was "We have been informed that there was a colored passenger aboard and we will see to it that you are properly served with your breakfast. When we are ready I will return and let you know." It is said that discretion is the better part of valor and it was by reason of this that I pursued the course that I did. I could have "insisted upon my rights" and gone in with the first rush. But I remembered that I was travelling through a territory where less than forty years ago I could only have gone through as a slave; or, if a free man, in charge of some white man as my reputed master. It was a great change, and that in a very brief time, from a cattle car to a Pullman Palace Sleeping Car.

I understand that long since the Pullman Company gave general instructions to its agents not to discriminate against persons on account of their color when they were presentable in person and dress. Despite this some agents persist in making discriminations, if not directly, indirectly. The Pullman Company is not responsible for the obnoxious law existing in Georgia, which prevents colored people from purchasing sleeping-car tickets; neither is it responsible for the brutality of the people of Texas, who have an unwritten law that no colored person shall travel in a sleeping car through that state. The Pullman Company at St. Louis will sell a ticket to a colored person to a point in Texas or beyond, but when that person reaches the state line of Texas, he or she, will be forcibly ejected by the people of that state. Now, who is morally or even legally responsible under such conditions—the Pullman Company or the people of Texas? We should hesitate long before striking at our friends. I know that the Pullman Company is a good friends of our people. If we prod them to retaliation, they need but to give a wink and every southern state will follow the example of Georgia; to say nothing of the probable discharge of their thousands of colored employes. The company asks that they be informed of any incivility or disrespect shown toward their patrons by agents or employees. Some years ago they discharged one of their conductors on complaint of Bishop Turner. Dr. Johnson need not go outside of Philadelphia to find ground for a suit as there are public places in that city which will not serve him nor any other colored person. Of this fact I have personal knowledge.

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Doings of the Smart Set.

Mound City, Ill., Special.

The high water has receded until the surrounding fields will soon be ready to be tilled. A canning factory is to be established here on the site where the National Pump Works stood. Mrs. Josie Haines made a brief trip to Cairo Saturday. Mrs. Etherinda Burgess was indisposed last week John Allen left Saturday to spend the summer in St. Louis. J. C. Spearman has closed his school at Levings and returned home. District Superintendent of Sunday Schools, C. C. Purdy, of Cairo, was in the city Sunday, on his official business; together with Miss Mittie Foulks, assistant. He visited the school at Mounds Sunday evening. A relative of Mrs. Chas. Barnes died in Cairo, and was buried at Beech Grove Sunday. Rev. A. J. Donaldson spent Sunday in Cairo. Quite a number of our people attended the banquet tendered the Manning Bible School superintendents at Cairo on the 30th ult. Rev. Looney has returned to the city. Mrs. Wilella Stoval and son are making their home with Mrs. Hattie Perryman. Messrs. C. L. Rice and Nathan Kay visited their families last week. Miss Anna Talley, who has been visiting her grandmother here, has returned to her home in Paducah. George Willingham has been granted license to exhort by the Missionary Baptist church. Cicero Thompson, one of our representative men, has announced himself as a candidate for city clerk. Mrs. Emma Smith spent a few days in Cairo last week. Mrs. Maggie Franklin wishes to learn the whereabouts of her two daughters. When last heard of, one, Malinda Loyd, was in Memphis, Tenn.; the other, Laura Loyd, was in St. Louis.

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ART OF SOCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

An Up-to-date Diary Touching upon Practical, Every-day Life—Desire of Some Persons for Sensational Reading—Mayor Harrison's Popularity.

CHICAGO, March 11.—In social correspondence what should a letter contain? This was a subject I heard discussed by two women this morning. One of them maintained, and stoutly too, that such a letter should contain only that which happened to or concerned the writer of it directly. Other events should not be mentioned. The other maintained that a letter should not only contain the happenings and the incidents in the life of the writer thereof, but whatever else is likely to be interesting to the recipient of the letter. Everyone knows that the views of the latter woman are the correct ones as far as the contents of a letter are concerned.

A letter that contains nothing but self is similar to the man who monopolizes conversations to tell of all the happenings and incidents of his life. Both are tiring and mentally nauseating. Where a correspondence is continued for any length of time imagine how boring to the recipient thereof such self-exploiting letters must be. The life of the average person contains a very few unusual incidents. Every day, with only a few exceptions, bring the same occurrences. How can one write an entertaining letter then who sticks to the doings of his own life?

A really entertaining letter, therefore, should be an account of not only what happened to you, but whatever happened to other persons and things with which both the writer and recipient are familiar.

How often do you hear the recipient of a letter say: "He didn't say a word about so and so, or about this thing or that," and look as if quite disappointed. After a series of letters both parties should have a good knowledge of each other's surroundings, and the persons who come in contact with them and have influence on their lives.

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March 12—One of the hardest things to do in this life is to compose a good letter. Persons have been known to write books that have brought them fame, who could not compose a good, readable letter. Their letters were stiff, cold and unlike themselves.

This subject is a very old one and it has received considerable treatment at the hands of many writers. The book stores and libraries all have their quota of "Complete Letter Writers."

It is a question to me, though, whether these "complete letter writers" ever taught anyone to write a good letter. Most all of them consist of a number of rules, and letters as examples. Like all rules and examples made to guide in general cases, they are of no use as a guide in particular cases.

A letter is nothing but a long distance talk on paper. It is not, as some of the "complete letter writers" say, a conversation, for a conversation must have two persons to it, whereas in a letter only one person talks while the other reads or listens. It is a talk and not a speech. Not a few persons, following the lead of the "complete letter writer," turn a letter into a speech. They exploit their knowledge of the dictionary and fine phrases, instead of simply telling what they feel, what happens to them and what is happening in their community.

A letter should be in your usual style of language. In most instances it is simply a recital of facts. Tell these facts on paper just as you would if the person were sitting in your presence and listening to them. Don't strain after language that is unusual to you, for when you do that you make a fool of yourself. Only use a dictionary in writing a letter or in any other kind of writing to find the proper spelling of a word, when in doubt, and to see that the precise term is used. Don't use it to look for "hifalutin" words in order to dress up your thoughts.

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March 13.—It is hardly necessary for me to warn you against the old-fashioned opening of a letter: "I take my pen in hand." This is quite unnecessary, for every one knows that it is customary to take the pen in hand, and not in the foot.

In writing about third persons be very careful of what you say, for it may cause you to be placed in an undesirable position. As long as a letter exists which contains uncomplimentary statements about other persons, it is unimpeachable evidence against you. It is bad policy to surmise in a letter. Only write of what you know to be facts.

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March 14.—There boards at our house a peculiar lady. I don't known that I ought to call her peculiar, for she represents a class. Every morning at breakfast after the usual greeting, she always inquires, "Have you read the papers this morning?" When I tell her I have, she begins a series of rapid fire questions relative to this murder or to that, or burglary, or some other sensational crime. She has gleaned all the vicious news of the paper and may said to be a walking encyclopedia of criminal news.

Many are the people like her who read the vicious part of a newspaper and read not the virtuous. They can tell you every crime the record of which is in the papers, but the doings of Congress, the legislature of their own states, what the leading men are doing and thinking, the comments of the editor on the editorial page they know next to nothing. Their minds have become so inflamed with the highly sensational crimes that a murder without being gory or fiendish is tame reading. They like and cater to papers that exploit dime novelism.

To such persons the very best papers are degrading, for despite all the good they contain to be a newspaper, they must give the criminal news of the day. Reading criminal news is all right, but to read that to the exclusion of everything else a paper contains, is decidedly all wrong. It is degenerating and forms a low plane of morals. I believe to read nothing but the sensational reports of a crime is a step, however remote it may be, toward the commission of one.

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March 16.—Carter Harrison has been nominated for mayor of Chicago again, the fourth time. It is safe to predict his election. He evidently has given satisfaction in his mayoralty capacity, or he could not in a city whose citizenship is as hetrogenous as Chicago, have been elected three times to the office. He has had some strong opponents too. There has been nothing done in his latest administration when compared with his other two, to lead one to believe he will not be elected.

Whatever else may be said of Carter Harrison, it can be truly said he has in his make up the elements of popularity. He keeps in touch with the masses. He has cultivated and developed the vote-getting principle to such an extent that he mercilessly slaughters all opponents at the polls. This talent or ability, or whatever you may choose to call it, of being elected mayor of Chicago, is an inherited one, for his father was mayor of Chicago many times.

Other mayors who are desirous of holding their jobs should study Carter H. Harrison and learn the secret of being a continuous mayor.

Since Chicago likes Harrison's mayoralty ways so well the city should devise some way to make him mayor for life, or until some municipal scandal necessitated his removal. When he is reaching "life's decline" the city should importune him to write a book entitled, "How to be mayor all one's life," for the guidance of its other citizens.

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March 17.—St. Patrick's day. As usual, The weather is against the Irish. The Irish, however, are a hardy race and such a small thing as the weather will not dampen their fervor for the day's celebration. I have seen Irishmen on St. Patrick's day, when March on that day would turn loose all her fury, march behind the band with as much complacency as though it were June's balmiest day.

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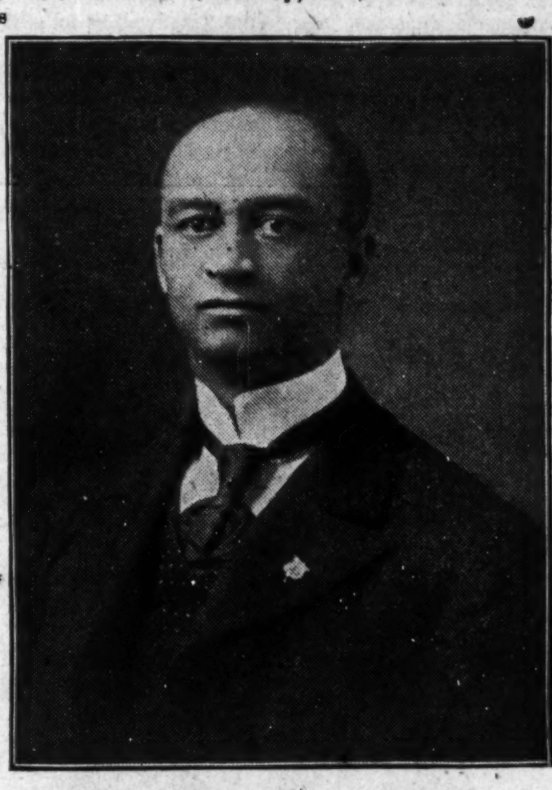

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NEGRO'S SMALL REPRESENTATION

At the City's Pie Counter—Extensive Preparations Being Made at all the Churches for Easter Festivities—An Old Lady's Departure.

Dallas, Tex., Special.—Hon. Lewis M. Mitchell addressed the Pythian and Calanthian orders at the city hall on the 30th ult. Dudley Davis has purchased a lot on Carroll avenue and is erecting a nice cottage. The battle between Oak Cliff and Dallas is over and Dallas is now known as Greater Dallas. When will the voters get together and decide to ask for some of the positions in the city? The race only holds two janitorships. The many friends of Mrs. Maria N. Landers were much surprised to learn that she died very suddenly at her home in Landersville recently. The funeral services were under the auspices of the Women's Missionary organization of the Freewill Baptist church, of which deceased was a member for over 60 years. Rev. H. E. Brown, of Ferris, officiated. The streets of the city need improving very badly and should receive the immediate attention of the "powers that be." Prof. J. A. Love was called to Austin by the death of his sister, Mrs. Tillie Plummer. Warren J. Reed, of the 24th Infantry, is here on a furlough. The graphaphone entertainments are the leading features these days at the churches. Elaborate preparations for the celebration of Easter are being made at all the churches. Mrs. M. L. Washington spent several days out of the city last week visiting relatives. Mr. Armstrong Jackson was called from Corsicana last week by the illness of his wife, who is much improved. Mrs. Nellie Greer is improving her property. B. F. Thompson is in the city. J. Collins and James Morrison are convalescing. Mrs. Dicey Mathews and Carrie Townsend, of Waco, visited their sister here last week. Mrs. Martha Dodd, of Sherman, visited in the city last week. Each of the presiding elders with headquarters here, were in the city last week. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Parker are at home to their friends. The reception given them Friday evening at Odd Fellows' hall, was largely attended. The newly organized drill team of the K. of P., is coming to the front. We are ready to welcome all callers at our new office, 105 Central avenue, where The Freeman can be found every Saturday.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of S. H. Ingram will confer a favor by addressing his daughter at 142 Done street, Dallas, Tex. When last heard from he was in St. Louis.

WANTED—To know the whereabouts of Tom Smith and Mrs. Mary Norris. When last heard of were in Newberry, S. C. It is of importance to Mrs. Della Nelson, wife of Samuel J. Nelson, 459 Young street, Dallas, Texas.

FERRIS NEWS NOTES.

Rev. Harris preached at the C. M. E. church Friday evening. The B. Y. P. U. meets every Thursday evening at the usual hour. Mrs. Alex. Quick will open a restaurant at her old place in the near future. Mrs. Mary Ross left for Ennis Saturday. The Epworth League rendered a nice program Tuesday night. Edward Haynes was in Dallas last Sunday. Miss Nannie Risby, of Ennis, is visiting relatives here. Presiding Elder Richards preached a noble sermon Sunday night and delivered a lecture after the sermon.

Society and Personal Notes.

Terre Haute, Ind., Special.—George P. Stewart, editor of the Recorder, and Col. Jesse Ringgold, of Indianapolis, were in the city last Sunday, looking to the organization of a K. of P. Lodge in this city. Rev. H. E. Stewart, pastor of the A. M. E. church, preached a series of popular sermons this week. Rev. J. S. Henry, for five years pastor of the M. E. church in this city, has been sent to North Middletown, Ky. Rev. W. C. Stateman, has been sent as pastor of the M. E. church in this city. Mrs. Dr. A. L. Cabell is recovering from a serious illness. Mrs. Addie Anderson attended the bedside of Mrs. Mary Gan, in Paris, Ill., last Sunday. Mrs. Mary Parish, is sick at her home in S. Thirteenth street.

Was Robbed of Five Dollars.

Mineola, Tex., Special.—William Lane was held up by an unknown party on the 21st ult., and robbed of $5. A baby was found in a well here recently. Mrs. Laura McFarland is on the sick list. Mrs. Pearl Garrett has moved to the city. Miss Rosa Martin has recovered from her recent illness

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Judgment of Experts.

The largest mining investors in the country have finely trained experts constantly in their employ for this purpose.

It is for this reason that the ordinary Western mine whose stock is advertised for sale is subject to doubt. In a majority of cases, if the mines were as sure of results as the advertisements state, these well-equipped experts of very rich mining men would see that their principals acquired these extraordinary valuable properties before the stock was ever presented to the public.

This does not apply in every instance, but it does apply in a majority of instances. Mining men know that it is necessary to have this judgment of experts.

Treadwell as Authority.

When Prof. George A. Treadwell, whose word as an expert is confidently accepted by the best mining men of many countries, said ten years ago that the United Verde Mine would become one of the most prolific copper producers in the world, many experienced investors accepted that judgment and procured stock in the company, then selling at $1.00 a share.

Many persons who were not professional mining men and who were only occasional investors in such things, put a few hundred or a few thousand dollars into the United Verde stock at $1 00 a share, and as a result are now able to draw their check for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

From 1849 up to the discovery of the United Verde Mine, Prof. Treadwell had examined hundred of mining claims. He picked out this mine as the most promising one he had examined since the old days in California.

Seven years later the Green Consolidated Copper mine appeared in the market with $5 00 the price of its shares. Prof. Treadwell, who, in the meantime, had examined many other mines, again advised his friends to invest, with the statement that this was unquestionably one of the largest copper properties in the world. At the present selling price of the stock, $1 000 invested when the shares were $5 each, has grown into a snug little fortune of $5 400.

The Ely Mines.

When it was announced that M. C. Barber, of Canton, O., and his brother-in-law, the late President William McKinley, were negotiating for the organization of a company to work the eighteen mining mines at Ely, Nevada, which had descended to Mrs. McKinley and her sister, Mrs. Barber, from their father, James A. Saxton, the expert who was asked to examine the property was Prof. George A. Treadwell.

Prof. Treadwell made a complete examination, especially of two of the mines—the Saxton and the Aultman. He found an abundance of red iron oxides overlying gold ore, and after a thorough examination of all surface indications and of the development work at the stage then reached, reported that there would be found at the permanent water level one of the richest deposits of copper sulphides that had ever been discovered.

This quite changed the aspect of the undertaking, as the two mines had been looked upon only as gold mines, the fact having been established that the deposites of gold ore were present in very lucrative quantities.

Prof. Tradewell advised sinking shafts at certain points and the running of drifts. He also advised the saving of the gold ore as the most economical flux that could be used in the treatment of the copper ore. By this means the copper is produced at a minimum cost and more of the gold is saved than would be the case with a stamp mill.

Company Organized.

President McKinley turned the property over to the company then organized. His brother-in-law, Mr. Barber, was elected president, directors were chosen and committees organized. It was determined to open the stock to public subscription. Prof. Treadwell was made chairman of the executive committee and of the mining committee, and W. N. McGill, an experienced mining man, was made manager of the mine.

In the development of the Saxton mine the rich deposit of ore was found to continue in one direction through seven additional mining claims, and these have since been acquired by the company, the properties now consisting of twenty-five very valuable mines.

It may be judged that backed by such circumstances and governed by such influences, the stock of the McKinley Mining & Smelting Company has met with a very flattering reception by the public.

Professor Treadwell said that the McKinley mine had a great future, and would come to the front as one of the greatest copper and gold producers in the world. He said:

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This is the same great mining engineer who advised investment in the United Verde when $1,000 would purchase stock worth $300,000, and who likewise advised investment in the Green Consolidated stock at $5 a share, three years ago, now worth $27 a share on the market.

A Safe Investment.

Is it likely that President William McKinley would have turnedr these properities over to the company unless it was one of the best and safest mining propositions ever presented?

If it was good enough for him to indorse with his name, should it not be a good investment for the average investor?

If the present development, as reported last week by Manager McGill, bears out everything foretold by Professor Treadwell, is it not a better investment now than it was then?

If this report shows that native copper has already been reached, underlying an immense quantity of pay gold, will it take many months for McKinley stock to follow in the upward path of the United Verde and the Green Consolidated?

When you consider that there are twenty-three other mines belonging to the company to be worked in turn, in the same neighborhood and with the same prospects of success, isn't the value of the stock already far beyond the price at which it is offered?

Isn't it better to invest in such a mine, with values determined and with a monthly pay roll for over $6,000, than it is to invest in a prospect confined to one mining claim?

If the capitalization, fixed by President McKinley, is $1,000,000, and there is blocked out at present in the Saxton and Aultman mines about $600,000 tons of gold ore, which at $5 a ton is worth $3,000,000, isn't the investment an extraordinarily safe one?

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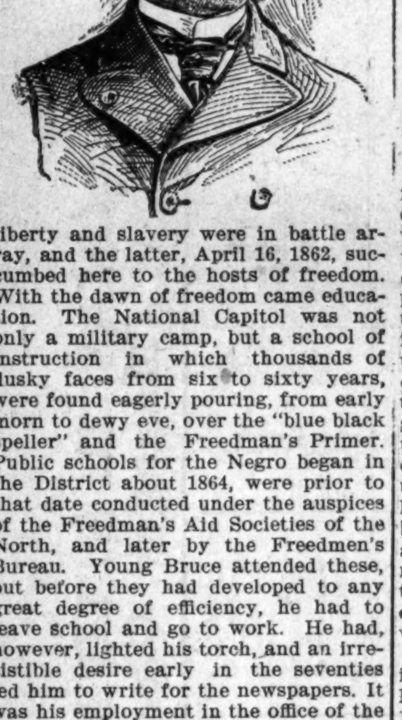
From the time of Benjamin Banneker, astronomer and surveyor, and Hezekiah Grice, Political organizer, down to the present, Maryland has contributed more than her quota of representative American Negroes, leading the United States, if not the World. She gave Frederick Douglass and Henry Highland Garnet in oratory; James W. C. Pennington in theology; Samuel Ringgold Ward in debate; through his parentage, Ira Aldrige, tragedian; John and William Watkins, educators. Other representatives like Alexander W. Wayman and James A. Handy, though contemporary like some of the former; Isaac Myers as an industrial organizer, and Captain Daniel Myers as a coastwise navigator; also illustrate this primacy.

Within the last quarter of a century there has been developed a new leadership. New conditions have furnished alike the motive and the stimulus for an exhibition of preeminent qualities that were possible in the distant past. One needs only to note that in 1865 there were not throughout the United States at any one time, five newspapers among the 3,000,000 of the descendants of Africa; whereas to-day, there are fully two hundred and fifty weeklies and monthlies maintained and supported by the American Negro, representative of his intellectual aspirations and activities, exerting a conscious and ever increasing influence on the phenomenal progress of this element of our composit population. With possibly one exception, no one of the men and women conspicuous in this intellectual life is more widely known than John Edward Bruce.

Mr. Bruce was born of slave parentage at Piscataivay, Maryland, Feb. 22, 1856. It was at a critical period in these movements which effected so largely the status and future of his race. The lad's mother, when the fame of John Brown was spreading throughout the land, restive under the galling yoke of bondage, became a fugitive. Instead of following the north star, she came to the District of Columbia, in which she found safe hiding from her pursuers. She did not need long to continue the precautions that shielded her and her boy from the oppressor, for the contending forces of human



liberty and slavery were in battle array, and the latter, April 16, 1862, succumbed here to the hosts of freedom. With the dawn of freedom came education. The National Capitol was not only a military camp, but a school of instruction in which thousands of dusky faces from six to sixty years, were found eagerly pouring, from early morn to dewy eve, over the "blue black speller" and the "Freedman's Primer. Public schools for the Negro began in the District about 1864, were prior to that date conducted under the auspices of the Freedman's Aid Societies of the North, and later by the Freedmen's Bureau. Young Bruce attended these, but before they had developed to any great degree of efficiency, he had to leave school and go to work. He had, however, lighted his torch, and an irresistible desire early in the seventies led him to write for the newspapers. It was his employment in the office of the Washington Correspondent of the N. Y. Times, in which he saw and observed the ways and methods of newspaper men, that the fires that had smouldered within him became aglow, and the purpose to be a newspaper correspondent became a ruling passion. Whenever and wherever he could induce the publication of any of his fugitive letters they appeared; but it was no uphill work to secure their publication, for there was individuality and merit about them that was rare for one of his years.

In 1877 he entered the journalistic sea in his own craft, founding "The Argus," a weekly paper, in Washington. It flourished only for a while. In this, his maiden effort at proprietorship, he was associated with that brilliant writer, Mr. Charles N. Otey, of Raleigh, N. C. Three years later Mr. Bruce became editor of "The Sunday Item," which soon was a terror to evil doers, who vainly sought to intimidate him, first by threats, then by a criminal prosecution. The effort miscarried, Mr. Bruce became stronger as a consequence, and when he published "Grit" in 1884, its popularity was foreshadowed. So strongly marked were its contents by fearlessness of expression, that the term "Grit" became henceforth linked with his name, and the sobriquet Bruce Grit is thus explained. Two years before the appearance of "Grit," Mr. Bruce led a forlorn hope in "The Republican," at Portsmouth, Va., when the "straightouts" and "readjusters" were joined in their last combat. In 1886, Mr. Bruce ran up the standard of "The Commonwealth," at Baltimore, eleven years later in 1897, in collaboration with Charles W. Anderson, he published and edited "The Chronicle" in New York City. For the five years ending in 1901, he was associate editor of "Howard's American Magazine," which is the pioneer of our modern attetmpts at magazine making. During all these years he was a constant contributor to such papers of the Afro-American press as the St. Louis World, Indianapolis World, Petersburg (Va.) Herald, Virginia (Richmond) Star, Chicago Conservator, Florida Sentinel, North Carolina (Raleigh) Enterprise, Star of Zion (Charlotte, N. C.), Black and White, Valadosta, Ga., New York Freeman and New York Age, The Voice of Mission, New York, Elevator, California, Denver (Col.) Statesman and the Colored American. He has not restricted himself to the limits of the United States, but has occasionally contributed to the New Age of London, Eng.; The West African Lagos Record, South African Spectator of Cape Town, and the Jamaica Advocate of Kingston, Jamaica, edited by that master controvertionalist, Dr. J. Robert Love. This service has largely been a labor of love, but his journalistic ability has been recognized by the New York Press, Buffalo Express, Boston Transcript, New York Times, New York Herald, St. Louis Globe Democrat, and the Washington Evening Star.

Mr. J. Brisben Walker, proprietor of the Cosmopolitan Magazine, assigned him to a department in The Sunday Republic, one of the best Sunday weeklies Washington ever had. Among the most important of the pamphlets of which he is author, may be named "The Blot on the Escutcheon," dedicated to Hon. William E. Chandler, "The Nation and the Citizen, their relation to each Other," and "The Blood Red Record." The same characteristics of style and fearless expression that have won him reputation as correspondent, directness of statement, incisiveness and radical opinions—make him a controversialist which any cause would rejoice to have in its behalf or dread to find in opposition.

In 1897 Mr. Bruce was appointed by Governor Levi P. Morton, a Commissioner to look after the interests of the colored people of New York in the Exposition at Nashville, Tenn. In the execution of this trust he travelled extensively through the State, aroused the people in its behalf and secured a most commendable exhibit of the skill, industry and enterprise of the colored people of the Empire State. He personally supervised the installation of the exhibits at Nashville, and won the approbation of the people and the authorities of the Exposition for his excellent service.

Mr. Bruce has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Lucy Pinkwood, a contralto vocalist of recognized merit at the National Capitol. At present his domestic circle is presided over by a lady who was Miss F. Adelaide Bishop, of Cleveland, Ohio, and who is of great assistance to her husband in his literary work.

In 1902 he was received in the membership of the A. M. E. Zion Church, at "Big Wesley" Philadelphia, by his friend Bishop Alexander Walters. Zion has a way of rewarding her laymen of talent by selecting them to discharge public duties for which they are preeminently fitted. Because of this fact we would not be surprised to find Mr. Bruce some day a denominational editor—it may be the Star of Zion.

JOHN WESLY CROMWELL.
Washington, D. C., Oct. 25, 1902.

THE SUFFRAGE IN ALABAMA

History of Constitutional Convention and the Influence of Dr. Washington

The prospect of an early hearing before the United States Supreme Court of the case of Jackson W. Giles, who was refused the right to register as a voter under the revised constitution of the State of Alabama, is calling especial attention to the provisions of that much-discussed document. As it is the first of the Southern constitutions under which the "grandfather clause" expires by legislative limitation, and perhaps the first to run the gauntlet of a test before the highest tribunal of the land, it will be of interest to the colored people throughout the country to know the history of the law now governing the suffrage in Alabama, and what influences led to the adoption by Alabama of an instrument milder in form and more liberal in terms than those framed by any of the other States which have seen fit to rewrite their organic code.

In regard to this matter the following appears in the Year Book of the New York American and Journal for 1903:

In May, 1901, a constitutional convention met in Montgomery to revise, or, rather, rewrite the constitution of 1875, which, in accordance with the direction of Congress, guaranteed the Negro specific right to vote. As a result of this old constitution, made during reconstruction days, intimidation and ballot stuffing, to main the supremacy of the whites, was extensively practiced. The Democratic State platform, upon which the constitutional convention of 1901 was elected, promised the voters to secure the legal supremacy of the whites, without disfranchising any white man, except for crime, and without violating the constitution of the United States. There was less antagonistic race feeling in Alabama than in any other of the Southern States, owing largely to the educational work of Tuskegee Institute, and the tact and ability of its president, Booker T. Washington.

Shortly after the convention opened a memorial, understood to have been drafted by Mr. Washington, was presented, recounting the homely virtues of the Negro, his fidelity to his masters and the mistakes that had been made, and asking for laws that would discriminate justly between good and bad citizenship.

The convention adopted a suffrage plan, modeled something after that of North Carolina, containing a "grandfather clause," but one less displeasing to the Negroes. The new constitution provided a double electoral qualication, so that all white persons might register unless debarred for statutory reasons, and all other persons whose qualifications make them desirable citizens. It provided that at any time until December 20, 1902, the following might register as life electors: All persons who have served in the armies of the United States or the Confederate States, and all descendants of such persons, and all persons who are of good character and who understand the duties and obligations of citizenship under a republican form of government. Of this good character and duties of citizenship, a board of three registers appointed in each county are to be judges, though appeals may be taken to the State courts.

After January 1, 1903, all those not previously registered as life electors might vote who are qualified as follows: Those who can read or write any article of the constitution, and who, unless physically disabled, have been engaged in some lawful occupation or calling for the greater part of twelve months preceding the time they desire to register, or those who are either bona fide owners of forty acres of land in the State or owners of real estate or personal property whose assessed value is $300 or more.

It will be observed from the foregoing analysis of the provision of the Alabama constitution that the "grandfather clause" is no longer in force, and that the educational and property qualifications remain as the supreme tests of eligibility to the ballot. According to the census of 1900, about 59.5 of the male Negroes of voting age in the State are illiterate; but a rift in the cloud appears in the increase of the minimuum school appropriation to $1,100,000, which makes more and better schools possible, and the Negroes of the better class accept this as a sign of a larger and more representative Negro vote in the future.

A PHENOMINAL SUCCESS,

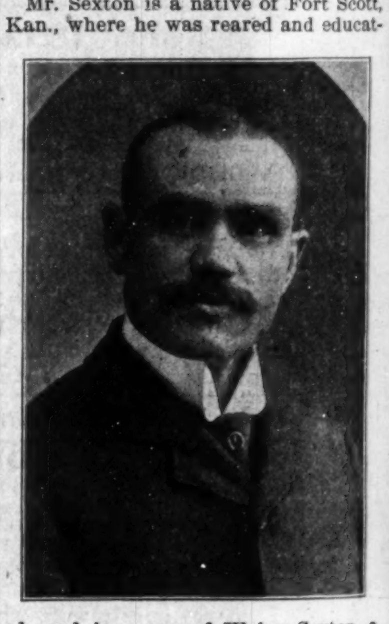
Is the Career of Albert Sexton, Photographer, St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Albert Sexton, the senior partner of the firm of Sexton & Maxwell, photographers, is one of the young business men of St. Louis, whose phenominal success as a professional artist, entitles him to special mention in the columns of the Freeman. The merit of Mr. Sexton's work is so obvious that it appeals to every person of artistic taste, and places him in the front rank among the high class artists, in his line. Within the short space of six months, he has, by close application to business, and earnest efforts to serve the public faith fully and well, made a reputation for his firm that has made his studio, at 1407 Market street, the center and headquarters for the artists of the race in St. Louis, and made his name a familiar one in the best families of St. Louis and vicinity, and attracted to him a trade among all classes in that city that assures his success in the future, beyond question.

At the Middle States and Mississippi Valley Exposition, which was held in Chicago last summer, his magnificent collection of high class photographic work, which formed a conspicuous feature of the excellent exhibit from Missouri, attracted universal admiration and elicited favorable comment from the best artists and most competent critics in the country. This enterprising step has been fruit by way of attracting to his studio, a large number of traveling artists and visitors from other cities.

Mr. Sexton is in no sense a novice in the business of photography, but a thoroughly practical business man in his chosen profession, having spent nearly 14 years as a journeyman in every branch of the work, in some of the best studios of the country, as a preparation for his life work, as a practical photographer, and counts among his references, such celebrated artists as W. T. D. Ole of Kansas City, Bolton & Mitchell, San Antonio, Texas; F. A. Remington, Buffalo, N. Y.; Goldsmith Studio, St. Louis and J. E. Hahn, of Fort Scott, Kan.

Mr. Sexton is a native of Fort Scott, Kan., where he was reared and educat-



ed, and is a son of Wyley Sexton, a well known and highly respected citizen of that city. It was while on a visit to his parents in Fort Scott, last spring, that he conceived the idea of establishing himself in business in the City of St. Louis, which is soon to be the center of attraction for the whole world, and the wisdom of his selection as a site for beginning his professional career, has already been amply justified by the phenominal success with which he has been rewarded in the brief experience he has had there.

The quarters occupied by this progressive and enterprising young firm are perfect in every appointment, modern and up-to-date, having been built especially for the photograph business, a few years age, by one of the oldest and most prominent photographers in the city, and has been refitted by Messrs. Sexton & Maxwell with the best and newest apparatus and accessories, which enables them to compete with the best artists in the city in every branch of the business. Messrs. Sexton & Maxwell are artists of whom our race has just reason to be proud, and The Freeman takes pleasure in urging those of its readers who have occasion to visit the World's Fair city, to accept the invitation which they extend to the public to pay them a visit and inspect their establishment and their work.

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RICHARDS & PRINGLE'S FAMOUS GEORGIAS—York, Neb., 4; Aurora, 6; Central City, 7; Norfolk, 9; Sioux City, 10-11.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS, (Voelckel & Nolan) Rochester, Pa., April 6; Massilon, O., 7; Canton, 8; Marion, 9; Galion, 10; Mansfield, 11.

A RABBIT'S FOOT CO—Punta Gorda, Fla., April 6; Arciada, 7; Bartow, 8; Dade City, 9; Brooksville, 10; Leesburg, 11.

Kid Alston is under the care of Dr. Evans at his home, 1017 W. Lady street, Columbia, S. C.

Our old friend, Tom Logan, is going to be a whole sole Southern boy. Don't ask why? Kid Alston.

Harry Fidler has rejoined the Georgias, after a pleasant week's visit with his wife at Indianapolis.

Henderson, Bradford & Henderson, the Tuxedo trio, report great success with their new act at Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. West Jenkins, well-known in the profession, are living at 619 Second avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

Sydney Kirkpatrick of the Nightingale Quartette, joined Rusco & Holland's Co., at Louisville, Ky., on the 28th.

W. S. LeVard will join hands with Miss Beatrice Coates, at the close of the "Old Kentucky Co." The team will be known as the LeVards, Beatrice & Williams.

Frank Clermont who is billed as the Creole Cornetist, with the Georgia Minstrels, writes that he will positively be under the next season of Messrs. Rusco & Holland.

Mike Wells of the Wells-Lewis Operaatic Minstrels, was in Indianapolis Saturday, rejoining the company Monday. He reports good business all along the firing line.

Bailey & Spiller have closed a very successful season with Rockey's all sar Vaudeville Co., and are rehearsing their new act, entitled "In the Fair Grounds at Blackville."

Harry A. Brown, singing artist and cartoonist, was featured at Middleton's Chicago Museum the weeks of March 23 and 30, with McKeesport, Philadelphia and New York to follow.

P. G. Lowery, accompanied by James Morton, H. Q. Clark and Miss Sallie Lee, after a pleasant visit of four months at Reese, Kans., are now in St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Lowery will open his No. 1 and 2 companies about April 20.

Pat Chappell's "A Rabbit's Foot Co.," opened their season at Braidentown, Fla., April 1. This show is owned, managed and controlled by Negros, and Mr. Chappell has spared neither time nor money to make it a winner in every respect. Success to you, Pat.

Geo. Tichner, principal comedian and stage manager of Mahara's Minstrels, was called to Paris, Ill.., March 25, on account of the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Hattie Miller. The funeral was in charge of Mr. Troy Porter, Paris' wealthiest colored citizen. Mr. Tichner will head his own show next season in "A Frolic in Africa."

Notes from Domino Theater, Fernandina, Fla.—John Dennis writes we are still pleasing the large audiences nightly, with our musical farce of "Miss Hannah from Savannah," staged by Miss Vida DeVine, leaving them screaming. Which is a credit to our Domino Stock Co. Miss Carrie Hall, the Southern Coon Shouter, has made a big hit, rendering "Oh, Oh, my," and "Good evening Mr. Johnson," by Mills. Father Kinnie, singing and dancing comedian, is featuring "If You'll be Mine." Miss Estella Jones of the team of Dennis & Jones, is featuring "Don't Forget your Talking to a Lady." Miss Minnie Carrol is making good, singing "Mandy." Prof. Dorsey, pianist, violinist and instructor of music, receives rounds of applause nightly, for his excellent manipulations upon the ivories. DeVine and Williams are on their fourth week, and still making them laugh. Williams is making quit a success singing, "When the Cold, Cold Winds begin to Blow," and "They'll talk about You Anyhow." Vida DeVine is featuring, "I Wants a Man Like Romeo," and "My Cocoanut Maid." They send regards to all professional friends. Look out for big and little Casino, Miss Maggie DeVote, cake walker and seriocomic, is on the sick list. Mr. Dave Morrison, manager of Moniguil's sample rooms is quit a reader of the Freeman. Hattie Bluford and Ida Larkins please write. Hello, Crosby, drop me a line.

Chicago, Ill., Notes:—Mr. Al. Holman, stage manager for the "Hottest Coon in Dixie Co." was in the city last Sunday, getting more people for their aggregation of players. He reports every thing getting along fine. One thing we admire is the strict rules enforced by the management on its members, both on and off of their beautiful car, making it, an aggregation of refinement, and good reputation....Mrs. Harry Prampin entertained at the Ashland Club, Saturday the 28th, and gave entire satisfaction, as the leading lady cornetist. The Ashland is one of the swellest in the city.....The Brittons, who are always favorites when on a bill, made good as usual, and cleaned up....Cole & Johnson are here captivating everything, from the gallery to the parquette circle. They open and close, that's all....McKissick & Jones have closed with the "Hottest Coon in Dixie Co."....Boys don't forget your friends Hart & Harlin, 2634 State St. They have renovated and put in fine furniture until the whole place resembles a palace. The best of music, and amusements of all kind can be found upon the bill....P. B. R. Hendrix, who has been on the sick list, and had to have an operation performed upon his eyes, is getting along nicely. Owing to the careful Xray examination, he will not loose his sight. He sends regards to Mme. Marie Richardson, Al. Holman and wife, Billy Miller, Ernest Hogan, Billy McClain and Burt Murphy.... Little James Brown, better known as Brownie, is still holding his own with the profession. He sends regards to friends of Mahara's Minstrel No. 2.... Williams & Stevens, Rance Smith, and Prof. Moore the magician, have joined the "Hottest Coon in Dixie Co." at Bucyrus, Ohio....Charles Pass Arnold is still rehearsing for the coming season, two or three shows that will appear upon the boards fo their share of honors. He sends regards to all his friends....Daddy Love is still on the sick list, but is slowly improving.

J. Harry Jackson sends the following from New York city: Avery and Hart were at the Orpheum Theater, Brooklyn last week. doing their old act of imitating Williams and Walker. This act is now a little stale for these boys, and it is the opinion of many that they should present something new....The Golden Gate Quintet, in a clever singing and dancing act, are at the Circle Music Hall this week....Irving Jones was at the Grand Opera House Sunday night.....Tom Brown, the clever mimic, is resting up this week at his home, in this city, after a successful tour of the Keith circuit. Mr. Brown is booked to appear at Hyde and Behman's, Brooklyn, the week commencing April 6.... Yeager and Yeager headed the list of vaudevillians at the Metropolis Theater Sunday night....The Williams and Walker company are now in their seventh and last week at the New York Theater. Their engagement has been phenomenal. At every performance the house has been packed. On Thursday afternoon, March 26, they gave a special professional matinee for the benefit of the manw performers now playing in the metropolis. Fully four thousand actors, actresses and chorus people were in the audience, and they showed their hearty appreciation of the performance by vigorous applause. Among those that deserve special mention were Henry Troy, Mrs. Hattie McIntosh, Miss Ella Anderson, Miss Anna Cook, Marsh Craig, George Catlin, Ada Overton and Messrs. Williams and Walker. In fact, the whole company went at their work with much vim, and the matinee was pronounced by all to be the biggest thing that ever happned on Broadway....Coper and Bailey appeared on the bills at two different theaters Sunday night. viz., the Dewey and the Third Avenue Theater. They are booked to appear at the Circle Music Hall next week....Bob Slater, of the team of Murphy and Slater, arrived in the city from Chicago, and has rejoined his partner, Bert Murphy, who has been ill in this city for several weeks. Mr. Murphy is now able to be up and around again. They are booked to appear at Keith's New York Theater the week commencing April 6.

Notes from the Famous Georgia Minstrels.—We have just finished Kansas with elegant biz, and we are meeting so far in Nebraska, the thing good business—we must certainly say a good word though for the State of Kansas, she is there, as a prosperous State, and use our people right, if they use themselves right. Our show is running smoothly and very pleasing to its patrons, being complimented nightly as being the best in their section of the country. Our little band and orchestra is called by the public, way above the average, and we ourselves know we have excellent timber in both our band and orchestra. Any time they beat us it will be they have an instrument about, we have not got. The Alabama Quartette is on the improve again, and is without contradiction the best business quartette in the business, for any kind of show. All managers compliment them and claim they have an act that can close any show on earth in the minstrel line, and will make a complete finale for most any other kind of show, far better than they are using anyway. Managers universally claim this quartette has the most unique and original act they ever saw, to close a show, and never fail; and this is the hardest thing about the show, an opening and a closing, in which the most of our show have the entire company on the stage, presenting a mere school entertainment, or burlesque dialogue, in which many school children can surpass old pantomine acts with bladders, and such tomfoolery. Old imitation baseball acts, all must go way back and sit down, when the one big act of the Alabama's comes on to close your show. Kid Langford, leader of the quartette wants to hear from Chas. A. Hughes. Mr. J. A. Watts, the Nonpariel tenor is singing better than ever, and is as he has always been, less trouble than any man in the company. He sends his best to Mr. and Mrs. Kersands, wishing them every success, and wants them to write him as per route or Freeman. Ed Tolliver has a warm monologue, quite out of the ordinary. He has quite a revised idea of delivering a monologue. He sends regards to George A. Swan, Henry Graves and Thomas F. Edwards. We are all well and so far, are anticipating work all summer. Musicians and singers please write G. W. Housely, especially piccolo and clarine. John E. Jackson has been on the sick list, but is fast improving, and sends regards to all friends.

"DAHOMEY" IN NEW YORK.

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

Williams & Walker, who made their first Broadway appearance at the New York Theatre, Broadway and Forty-fifth street, Wednesday, February 18; opened the third week, or sixteenth day of their stay at that house, on Monday, March 2, to a good sized audience. There are fifty boxes in this house, and about twenty-four of them were occupied. The third balcony was well filled by members of the colored race, and the gallery was crowded.

The play "In Dahomey" has been wonderfully improved upon, especially the last two acts, since I saw it last.

The scenery is very gorgeous, and the musical numbers are full of brilliant ensembles.

While the first act is tedious and void of humor, the stars have been happily placed, and that atones for everything except insufficiency of other individual features that should have been retained.

Hurtig & Seamon, who, up to the present time, have excelled all other managers in point of liberality and wealth in exploiting their two popular stars, deserve the highest praise imaginable. Every act and scene is mounted in sumptuous splendor from beginning to end.

Williams & Walker Shine.

Judging from serious observations of the people in all parts of the house, I should venture to say that few comedy teams of any race shine more brightly in the eyes of New Yorkers, than Williams & Walker. Their dialogue was clever and witty throughout and thoroughly within the bounds of intelligence.

Williams Greater Than Ever.

Bert A. Williams—"he of irresistible coon art"—was the predominating feature of the evening. His rendition of the coon song "I'm a Jonah Man," was a most wonderful laugh provoking number, and his quaint dancing, full of originality and fun, places him "second to none," as a comedian, of any race or color, in legitimate comedy.

How Walker Improved.

Dressed in the richest teutonic style and with his usual large cluster of real diamonds, George W. Walker, once more declared himself to be the single handed 'colored fashion plate" of his race—with apologies to Johnson and Dean the "Colored Fashion Plates."

Everything is fashion in these days, and Walker sought out, on the grounds of past criticism, to improve his comedy dress, in the direction of character changes, and won. If Williams may have taught him how to dress, he did not teach him how to do all the talking, for which he is famous, and for which he came nearer sharing equal honors with Williams than ever before.

Ada Overton's Inning.

A clear stage—no stars in the way—everybody breathless, choaking in the throat; no music—not even any signs of having a song—nothing but a wheelbarrow and a looking glass to see herself in; we behold, all full of female whimsicalities, the greatest coming female comedy star of her race—Ada Overton Walker. With a grand star reception from the audience, on her entrance; one short look at her sweet expensive, childish little dress; a few little short words and all is over.

This was the only real trance which caused me to sigh, as I sat leaning my elbow upon my knee, while resting my chin upon my hand.

Ada has added one more unnecessary letter to her name. By the time she gets her name lengthened out, if she has not gone the limit of the limited—yes, by "that" time—well—"that will do for the present.

The Other Lesser Lights.

Miss Hattie McIntosh, a capable actress, wore a most beautiful dress in the second act, one of white satin, I believe, worked with beads and covered with delicate white lace. Miss Lottie Williams acted well and also wore a stunning gown. Jessie Shipp did not sing about "Love," and Lizzie Avery's "Dancing Sue," was also missing.

Geo. Catlin's Chinese song created an interest, and he showed his intelligence by not forcing an encore.

Pete Hampton acted excellently as usual, and Fred Douglas, Will Barker, and Alex Rogers were also favorites.

Henry Troy sang "Molly." Marsh Craig, the great contortionist, had his face enameled with silver bronze to do his act, but the red tinge of paint on his neck is best omitted.

The concerted numbers were carried through by Lloyd A. Gibbs and Anna Cook, who both could be heard distinctly above the chorus; the short solo's being taken by Hattie Hopkins and Richard Connors. "Colored Aristocracy," sung by Hattie McIntosh and chorus, failed to score on Broadway, owing to its age. Lloyd Gibbs, the great tenor, should have been, without a doubt, the one man to be heard as a soloist in this production. Others in the cast are Theodore Pankey, who dances well, and Walter Richardson.

Will Marion Cook leads the orchastra for this occasion. He is a good leader and had a hard task to hold in tact an orchestra that was inclined, at times, to play too loud, or run away from their leader.

The Williams & Walker play, which is called a farce on the bills, is quite as legitimate as any other musical comedy seen on Broadway. Every musical comedy now in New York is given a different name to supplement the words "musical comedy," because of their improbability.

The white critics, like James Montague, who like to give a colored show a "jolly" instead of good true advice in criticism, is also another form of theatrical insanity. In his poem on Williams & Walkers show, Montague lauded Paul Lawrence Dunbar, a poet whose shoes he'd like to wear, and whose tuition he needs badly before he attempts to produce any more "yellow" coon poetry in a widely read newspaper like the New York Evening Journal.

Broadway Not New.

Negro performances on Broadway are not new. The advent of modern Negro comedy is new only, but Broadway has already been invaded by legitimate Negro actors.

About fifteen years ago the "Astor Place Company of Colored Tragedians" opened at the old Cosmopolitan Theatre, Broadway and Forty-first streets, for a run, producing Hamlet and Othello. Hurle Bavardo, who was to be the star, withdrew from the enterprise, and Othello was produced with Benj. F. Ford as Othello and J. A. Arneaux as Iago. The company ran two weeks to paying business and then was obliged to give up, owing to bad business.

WILLIAM HALLBACK'S DRAMA.

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

Mr. William Hallabck has sent me his drama, "A Hot Coon From Mississippi." It is published in book form, sixteen pages in all. In his letter he informs me that the book is only a synopsis, but he would like for me to review it, he adds that he has no objections to my criticism of his work, so, on these grounds, for the sake of the young rising generation, I review it.

The Hallback play is not a comedy drama, its a coon farce, if anything, and ranks next door to nothing.

To extract something from nothing, is a hard sum of subtraction, but I have promised to do it and I will.

The curtain raises with an operatic chorus—the book does not state whether it is from one of Will Marion Cooke's opera's or from Luke Pulley's school of modern lost rag-time conundrums. The first act consists of somebody (I don't know who) gets chased around the stage with a feather duster, by Aunt Mary Ann. Considering what light ammunition a feather duster is to fight with; the play moves lightly on.

Further on, you discover that Aunt Mary Ann's last name is "Juicepipe." As the play proceeds, you discover signs which indicate that each actor must introduce as much original business as possible to help increase the fun, and swell the play beyond the limits of a botchworker. Here Hallback's theory has revealed the true wisdom of coon comedy, flavored with a bowl of hot mush and milk. If Mr. Hallback will haul back his play so far back in Mississippi, that people can't miss it, he will save himself the misfortune of ever trying to produce it. He would only be wasting his fortune, and besides losing his reputation as an author; he would be a heart broken actor and his children—the dear children—would be disgraced.

But let us return to the drama. Here are one of the remarks made by the hot coon: "Well, I don't mind hearing you dance or seeing you sing, but if any of you cum wid any of yo funny acting business wid dis coon, I'm going to raise a rough house. Do you hear me? Kaise I'se a Hot Coon from Mississippi. So tare loose!" The first act ends with a cake walk.

Second Act a Failure.

The second act is no good. It begins with an address—at a dinner—which is not original. It's a newspaper clipping and ends thus:

"From the cook pot to the Senate
There is not a place on earth
That a Negro isn't in it."

Then the hot coon tells some funny stories. He tells the story of a rabbit hunt down in Slough Foot Valley, (I hate to speak of rabbits) he was confronted by a big black bear, which, he said, was coming to devour him, but never touched him, (it must have been his own shadow). He did not catch any rabbits, however, but if he had even caught one by the foot, he could have renamed his play "A Rabbit's Foot," in spite of legal trouble down in Florida.

I would offer one million dollars if I had them, to any man who could read Willie's drama, and understand it.

A Spaniard who talks in Italian dialect, is also introduced in this act, "Three languages in one syllable," is all I could make out of a big bunch of sentences one inch long.

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The second act bids fair to end amid disgraceful scenes.

Ed. Badwill whose name should have been Will Hallback, is responsible for the following declaration:

"Well, seize her, cover her mouth, take her to the front gate, throw her in the first buggy or wagon going to town drive to 110 Elm street. Just as soon as you seize her, apply this little vial to her nose, then you can give the driver any old gag. Do you understand?"

I don't pretend to understand this drama myself. If anybody who reads it can understand it, they deserve a medal from the Twentieth Century Solution Society.

Right here Hallback has given us the strongest dramatic climax in the drama—a pistol fight, a fight with revolvers. How reasonable, how warm and how life like.

Third Act the Worst.

The third act must be dismissed without mercy. Its acquittal must be short and sweet.

It commences on page 13. From pages 13 to 16, is a long distance to go in a Hallback Drama.

Being at a loss to say where this act begins, or how it ends, it is only safe to say that Hallback is a strange author, and whoever authorized him to call himself an author, had no authority whatever, to set his poor mind a wandering around begging from door to door, among the poor tenants of Mississippi, grasping for history that's out of sight.

Just before the final shooting affray begins, Ed. Badwill, who by the way, is a theatrical manager, makes his last speech as follows:

"Well, hide yourself somewhere, and when you see the girls cross the road in front of that gate, seize her, take her to the side gate there. There'll be a closed cab with two men to assist you, should anything turn up there. A man and I will be somewhere here, should you be blocked; do you understand?"

The Final Verdict.

Mr. Hallback has taught us two moral lessons, one against our will and one to give us wisdom, without being aware of either, himself.

The object of his mind in framing his characters, are exactly what the newspapers have recently condemned of playwrights. He has tried in vain to depict the bad and immoral side of life to make some fun, to no avail.

On the other hand, he has undertaken to write a play without any real knowledge of his capability. His efforts to write a play must be commended—we need plays badly—but Mr. Hallback must be told, with much regret, that he will never be able to write a play; that his educational deficiences and other instincts compel his ending of this branch of his career as soon as possible.

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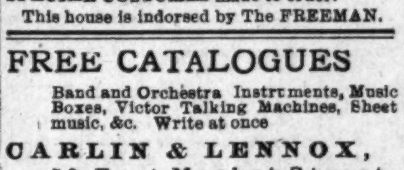

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40 to 45	6 00	450 00	225 00	10 40	2 60
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45 to 50	13 00	700 00	25 00	6 25

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Has Col. Pledger made up his mind to come back with the ball and be good?

If W. A. Gaines is the Kentucky administrator of the Hanna presidential estate?

Can we not have a press convention at Louisville this year that means something?

Why white men can discuss all questions in soberness except the Negro problem?

What will the 1903 crop of graduates from our high schools and colleges do for a living?

Can Secretary Cortelyou handle a few more applications for places in his department?

Isn't it strange that women who never go away from their own fireside hear so much gossip?

How many delegates will the new Civil Liberty party bring to its convention at Cincinnati?

Why the Oklahoma "old cits" insist upon regarding the Hon. John C. Leftwich as a "sooner?"

Will the new Director of the Census see his way to appoint a few colored men as special agents?

When will Pledger, Johnson and the other "outs" close the debate on behalf of the great state of Georgia?

Why not try money-getting, right-living and intellectual development as an antedote to color prejudice?

Will Indianapolis colored business men organize and send a delegate to the Nashville meeting in August?

Won't Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett relent and undertake her old trust of running the Afro-American Council?

Has Dr. I. W. L. Rountree become reconciled to the invasion of New Jersey by Editor T. Thomas Fortune?

If the eloquent "Phil" Waters isn't deserving of the best the folks at the West Virginia helm have in stock?

If the emigration of poverty-stricken Negroes from the South is doing them or their Northern brothers any good?

If R. L. Taylor is conceded to be the legitimate heir to the political mantle of the late N. Wright Cuney, of Texas?

Why some Negro "business men" will half-pay their help, and then complain that they cannot secure capable assistance?

How many are informed of the fact that the "grandfather clause" of the Alabama constitution is no longer in force?

Is it an actual misfortune to our race that the day of the professional politician and the ward heeler is drawing to a close?

If our teachers understand that it is not how much we know, but how much we can use, that tells when the test is applied?

Will Hon. Giles B. Jackson, of Richmond, be a potential factor in the Nashville convention of the Negro Business League?

Have you ever seen a white tradesman who wouldn't be polite to the blackest Negro when the latter has money to spend?

Will Senator Hanna have the wisdom to withdraw his ex slave pension measure, and close the flood-gates of fraud that it has opened?

If the state of Florida will show its appreciation of valuable political service by choosing Mr. M. M. Lewey for national committeeman?

Why the lily-whites, of Alabama, proceed to denounce Roosevelt, and then insist upon holding office under his "discredited" administration?

If the remarkable crop of new race journals means that there is an expectation that something will be doing between now and the fall of 1904?

Does the launching of the Pueble Standard mean that Lawyer W. B. Townsend means to make a "sure-enough" dash into Colorado politics?

Has Giles B. Jackson made a report yet of the returns from the excursion that he ran last summer from Richmond to Hampton and Buckroe Beach?

Will the esteemed Star of Zion permit the scholarly and interesting letters of Bishop Clinton to be "syndicated" through the leading papers of the race?

Why is it that, as a rule, colored dressmakers and laundresses will not render as efficient service for their own color as they will for white customers?

Will the colored voters of California have the nerve to see Senator Perking later about the way he represented them in his opposition to the confirmation of Dr. Crum?

If the agitation for a "let-up" on the making of bishops in the two Methodist denominations is very pleasing to Doctors H. T. Johnson, Parks, Townsend, Smith, et al.

Why is it that the "hot-air spielers," who delight to call Southern Negroes trimmers and apologists, do not go into the South themselves and take a hand at solving the race problem?

Where is the Negro who cannot follow a leader who counsels marketable education, character, thrift, economy and the ownership of property as the steps upon which we must rise?

Will Bishop Lee yield to the solicitation of Rev. J. Albert Johnson and rescue him from that small-salaried charge in Baltimore by returning him to the "dearly-beloved" in Washington?

Why the Negroes of Pine Bluff, Ark., do not break up the "jim crow" street cars by operating an independent bus line, and thus cut down the receipts of the former to an unprofitable limit?

If the specious cry of "social equality," set up by the South because President Roosevelt treats Negroes as if they were human, has not become threadbare in the eyes of thoughtful people?

After all, is not the formation of Negro communities, where the government can be controlled by the men of our race, a practical settlement of one phase of the problem that confronts us?

If lynching would not be sometimes justifiable, if it could be confined to clear cases of defamers of innocent women, defrauders of poor employes and those who make a specialty of "knocking" people for whom they pretend friendship?

What white community with 10,000 souls would be without a department store, a bank, a theater, an auditorium, a street railway or any of the machinery to accommodate the wants of a varied population?

If President Roosevelt would not prefer that these grateful colored Floridans keep the police court clear of Negro offenders and show more strongly at the tax office than to waste money sending him a present that he doesn't need?

If one Negro merchant like Stansbury Boyce, of Jacksonville, Fla., isn't worth more to the upbuilding of a healthy sentiment toward the race in the South than the flamboyant oratory of a thousand Hayeses?

Why young men who are determined to seek office in Washington cannot be convinced that $50 per month at home in a legitimate business is worth as much as $100 in the uncertain labyrinth of political employment, and where living expenses are high?

Is the state of New Jersey large enough to withstand the deep-draft of such political vessels as Bishop Alexander Walters, T. Thomas Fortune, Prof. Jesse Lawson, Hon. George H. White, Minister W. F. Powell, besides the local leaders like Cosey, Robinson, Herbert, Wormley, Rountree, etc.?

If, as one "Dr." Richardson, of Washington, says, the trusts are manufacturing so many things that the Negro's advent into agriculture will avail nothing, when will the aforesaid trusts undertake the manufacture of potatoes, corn, wheat and the vegetables that the soil is now producing for the black man as liberally as for the white man?

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Five hundred thousand dollars worth of farmers were assembled in the chapel of the Arkansas Baptist College recently.

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Prof. Du Bois, of the Atlanta University, says: "From the thirty four high grade institutions, the gift of New England to the freed Negros have gone forth with the bachelor's degree, and about 400 Negroes have graduated from Yale, Howard, Oberlin and other Northern colleges. Of the 2500 graduates, 58 per cent are teachers, presidents of institutions, heads of normal school, etc., 17per cent are in other professions. Six per cent are farmers, artisans and merchanst and 3 per cent are in government service

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Mr. J. J. Miles, a strong and substantial colored citizen of Milwaukee, has not only contributed liberally towards the Tuskegee Institute each year, but during the past few weeks has interested others and has sent amounts aggregating $100 for the purpose of forwarding the work of the school. More and more black men are giving out of their own bounty for their educational institutions.

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The Alumni Association of State University of Louisville Ky., will meet in the chapel of the University on the following Mondays April 6th; May 4th and 11th. It was decided in a call meeting in November, "That all graduates with degrees wear capes, gowns with hoods, all other graduates wear caps and gowns. Annual banquet at Odd Fellows' Hall.

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The enrollment of Livingstone College has reached 400.

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The summer school at Normal Institute, Normal, Ala., promises to be a very interesting feature this year. It is to be regretted that President Councill, is unable to accept the numerous invitations which are sent him daily. His health, together with his many duties forbid his doing so. The commencement exercises this year are expected to excell all preceding years. Normal now has an electric light plant.

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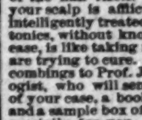
The Conferences of Presidents of the Negro agricultural and mechanical colleges of the Sonth has chosen a splendid set of officers, headed by R. R. Wright, of the Georgia state Industral school, and James S. Hathaway, of the Kentucky state agricultural and Industrial Institute The secretary Isaac Fisher, president of Branchj Normal college arkansas is a graduate of Tuskegee Institute. The presidents represented in this conference have charge of over5,000 Negro students and schools whose faculties embrace 300 teacher's

Normal Notes.

Normal, Ala., Special.—Among the recent arrivals at Normal are two young men from South Africa, who have entered the literary department and also the industrial classes The young men expect to be in school a number of years and are very well pleased with their surroundings. Both of them formerly held goverment positions in Cape Town. Dr. J. S. Hathaway, president of the State Normal school of Frankford, Ky., spent a few very pleasant days, inspecting the work at Normal. The Doctor has recently visited several of the Negro schools and colleges of the South. He delivered a spicy address to the teachers and student body, which was full of sound advice and encouragement All were delighted with his visit and he likewise expressed himself as being pleased with the work. Quite a number of white friends have been inspecting the work during the past week and expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the progress being made.

The old guard may die, but never surrenders.—Ed Logsdon, et al.



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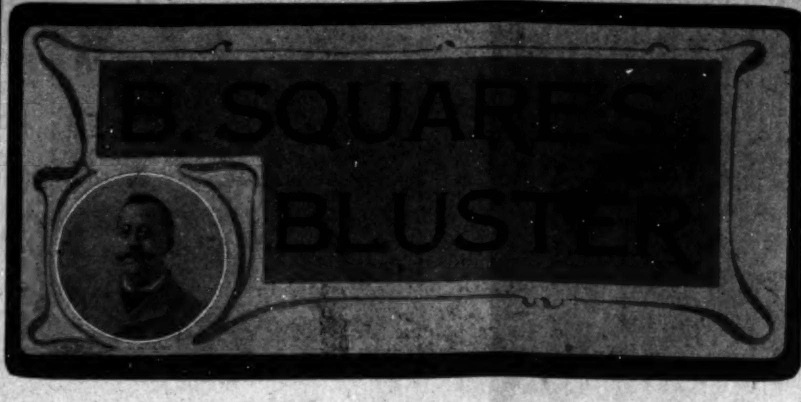

It is seldom that I blow the trumpet of self-praise in this column. I have related incidents of my life, but they were (like many of the heroes or the —— of Lord Bryon's poems) under the grammatical mask of the "third person."

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This "Bluster" is an exception to the rule; as I am going to use this column, this week, giving a brief sketch of my life, written in plain United States, in the "first person."

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I feel inspired to write to-day for the reason that this is the birthday of a distinguished American—Ex-President Grover Cleveland. It is also the birthday of the author of "B. Square's Bluster."

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"In ages hence, in nations yet unborn" when the American Negro has a hall of fame, where he will record his illustrous and distinguished forefathers, a dispute may arise about my name being therein recorded. In order to leave the question to the fair minded Negro of forty-nine years hence that he may be able to decide upon my merits and demerits I write this autobiography.

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I was born in Williamsburg, N. Y., on March 18, 1854, (Ex-President Cleveland's birthday). Williamsburg at that date was a city next to Brooklyn. In August of that year it was annexed to Brooklyn and known as the Eastern District of Brooklyn (Brooklyn is now a part of New York City)

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There was nothing remarkable about my birth. My father was Willis Augustus Hodges, a free born native of Princess Anne county, Virginia, who, being an abolitionist, was forced to run away from Virginia. He located in New York City; went to Franklin county, N. Y., with the Negro colony and settled on the Garrit Smith land, where he met the great John Brown, with whom he was a fast friend, as twenty-five letters to him, written by John Brown, which I now own and place a fabulous price, bear witness. In 1852 my father returned to Brooklyn, where he married Mrs. Sarah Ann Graham, a young widow—the daughter of Doxie and Sallie Corpren, also natives of Princess Anne county, Virginia, but of slave birth. I was the first child of seven resulting from this union.

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At this time there was in Williamsburg a large colony of Princess Anne county, Virginia, Negroes, composed of exiled free Negroes and bondmen who had taken French leave from the Old Dominion. They were all "boys and girls from home," and their children, like children in America born of German parents, they knew more of the fatherland than they did of the State and town of their birth.

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When I was about seven years old I knew (by name) more of "new ground," corn, flax, slaveholders, "patrollers," free papers, "passes" and the like than I at this writing recall.

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I will admit, that my conception of these things would not satisfy a Yellow Journal news hunter. I knew that Virginy (as my sainted father called it) was a land far, far beyond Williamsburg or New York City; that you had to go there in boats; that there lived some very bad white men and women who took little black children from their mothers and fathers and made them work for no pay. My abolitionistic, childish heart would steam up with anger. How I wished I was a big man to go down and kill those mean white people in Virginia and bring all those poor little slave children up to my house and let them, instead of work, play in my back yard.

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I distinctly remember how I knelt at my father's knee and, after saying the child's prayer, "Now I lay me down to sleep," etc., I was taught by him to say "and God bless all the poor little slave children, and some day in Thy own wise way make them free.

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Space will not allow me to say more about myself; as I have only recorded the doings of my life for seven years, I have forty-two more years to record, so I will do it at some future date when I have nothing of note to write.

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By the way, don't forget to read the rest of my story, "Three Men and Woman," a chapter of which will, perhaps, appear in our next issue.

"B. SQUARE."

RACE GLEANINGS....

Some estimate of the immense value of the leases on Oil lands held by the Wilgera Oil & Gas Co., of Columbus, Ohio, can be formed when it is known that the company pays a monthly rental on their leased ground of over $500. There never was a colored company of such gigantic proportions organized by colored men as the Wilgera Oil & Gas Co. It naturally follows that leases whose rental is as high as this, are very valuable, and these leases are perpetual.

It is said that Ralph W. Tyler the secretary of the Wilgera Oil & Gas Co., and upon whom the bulk of the work devolves, has been averaging from 15 to 18 hours a day looking after the interests of the company, and to his credit let it be said that he positively refuses to accept any salary for his labors. In order to reduce the expenses of the company to a minimum, Mr. Tyler is doing the work of four men. He states that is one and only desire is to make this the greatest of all race enterprises; that he does not feel it would be right for him to accept a salary at this time, and for the first year, at least, will give his services gratis. Such unselfish devotion to race interests; such great sacrifice that the many may be benefited, is rarely met with. He is capable of a prodigious amount of work, and the company was fortunate in securing such an official as secretary and manager. Not only Mr. Tyler will not accept a salary, but other officers likewise are contributing their services gratis. If all colored enterprises had started out in this manner, and not wasted the revenues in big salaries to officers, we would have had more colored business successes and less failures.

Prof C. H. Albert of the state Normal school of Bloominburg, Pa., delivered an able address recently in that city, tracing the career of Principal BookerT. Washington, from his humble beginning at Hampton to the headship of marvelous Tuskegee Institute and the leadership of the Negroes of this continent. Prof. Albert had with him about fifty large photographs of the school life, showing the classrooms, shops, farms, student body, faculty, etc. The congregation enjoyed to the fullest every word that was said and asked to to be allowed to keep the photographs for a few days to show them to those who could not be present.

Rev. E. R. Carter has arranged to celebrate his twenty-first anniversary as pastor of the Friendship Baptist church at Atlanta, Ga.

The National Association of colored women (Mrs. J. Stowe Yates, president Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, honorary president and Mrs Booker T. Washington, chairman of executive committee) announces postively that their next meeting will be held in 1904 at St. Louis, during the Louisana Phurchase Exposition. No session will be held this year.

The colored woman of Brooklyn, N. Y. are vigoursly apposing a scheme to form a separate branch of the Y. W. C. A. based upon color. Mrs Charles Weeks, Mrs Alfred C. Cowan, Miss M. R. Lyons and Miss S. Elizabeth Frazier are active workers against the proposed change.

The South is very much interested in the visit of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and his wife and party to Tuskegee, Ala., where they were the guest of Booker T. Washington, head of the colored industrial school whose dinner at the White House started bitter Southern criticism of President Roosevelt some time ago. While in the South two years ago Mr. Rockfeller visited the college of Washington and became so interested that upon his return to New York he induced his father to give $34,000 for a large dormitory for colored boys. This building has just been completed and the visit of the Rockefellers was made an important event.

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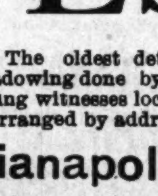

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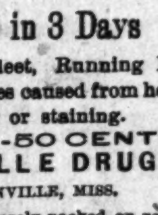

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Rev. C. P. Carpenter was in the city Monday en route to Cementville, Ind

Charles Love will take charge of the French Lick, Ind., hotel barbershop on April 6.

Mrs. Mary Garrett has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Charles Jones, in Logansport, Ind.

Rev. J. M. Townsend lectured at Quinn Chapel church, Chicago, Ill., Monday evening.

Mrs. James Mitchell and daughter have returned home after spending several weeks in Dayton, O.

The Woman's Club was entertained by Mrs. Nannie Wright 1717 Alvord street Monday after-noon.

Mrs, George G. Simmons, of 1323 Yandes street, visited her mother, Mrs. M. E. Hampton, in Friendswood Monday.

Little Miss Ruth Pettiford has returned from an extended visit to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pettiford, Franklin, Ind.

The musicale given at Corinthan Baptist church Tuesday evening was quite a success. An enjoyable program was rendered.

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George P. Stewart of the "Recorder" and Jessie Ringgold were in Terre Haute, last Sunday, looking to the organization of the new K. of P. lodge.

The Rev. Mrs. Wright, the evangelist, has been very successful in carrying on a revival at Allen Chapel. There were 51 conversions and 41 added to the church.

The Ben Trovato ball, April 13th, will be the swellest event of the season. Invitations that have been issued to parties in the past will hold good for the 13th.

The True Reformers will have a public meeting at the Second Baptist church Monday evening. The death claim of Ella French will be paid at this meeting to Mrs. H. Webb, the beneficiary. All officers, members and the public are requested to be present.

Rev. Riley of Cincinnati, the new pastor, will preach Sunday morning and evening at Simpson Chapel. He preached to a large and appreciative audience last Sunday morning, Rev. Williams of Kentucky presiding at night. Collections for the day $26.03.

The following program will be rendered at St. Phillips Mission to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, being Palm Sunday: Evening prayer; Psalter Day 5th. First Lesson—Cantales; Domino. Second Lesson—Deus; Misereatur; solo, Mr. J. D. Evans; sermon; solo, F. Fowler Brown; benediction

The Rev. M. A. Jones of Mt Vernon, and Miss Essie Roper of this city were quietly married March 19, at the home of the brides parents. An elegant supper was served them at the home of the officiating pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Jones left for Mt. Vernon, where they will reside. Rev. is pastor of the Free Baptist church at that place.

Palm Sunday at Bethel A. M. E. church will be abserved in a very attractive manner. The church will be beautifully decorated with palms and special music for the occasion will be rendered. One hundred little boys and girls, clad in white, each with palms in their hand seated around the altar, will make the service impressive.

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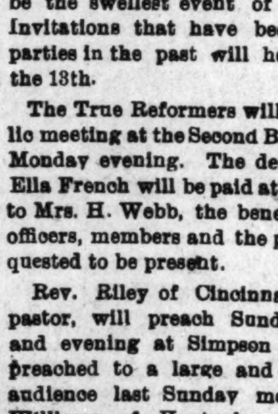

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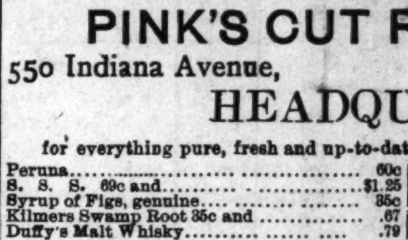

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